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IN PEKING.

SHANSI TROOPS ARRIVE.

BRITAIN'S PART.

Chiang Guarantees Protection of Foreigners.

"BOY" EMPEROR LEAVES TIENTSIN FOR MUKDEN.

At six o'clock yesterday evening, the suspense of the last few weeks was lifted, troops of one of the three super-armies in the allied Nationalist federation having entered Peking, the capital of the north.

This intimation is conveyed in a Peking report cabled to Shanghai and relayed to Hong Kong.

Replying to Comdr. J. M. Kenworthy, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that directly Britain knew what Government is to take over "control of China by a single body," Britain will act. Chiang Kai-shek guarantees protection of foreigners in Peking.

There is no further definite news about the Mukden bomb outrage nor about Chang Tso-lin, who is rumoured in two sources to have succumbed. But it is confirmed that there have been wholesale surrenders of Northern units to the Nationalists. Meanwhile, to protect their retreat and save fighting rearguard actions in disadvantageous positions, the Northerners are blowing up railways and carrying off large quantities of rolling stock.

The "Boy" Emperor has left Tientsin and is to stay in Mukden.

WHOLESALE SURRENDERS.

Shanghai-To-day.
A report from Peking received here states that Shansi Nationalist troops arrived at Changhsien-tien at 11 a.m. on June 5, and that their vanguard entered Peking at 6 p.m. the same day.—Reuter.

Ex-Poss Wait Outside.

Shanghai, To-day.
Some of the stragglers in the Manchurian 3rd army corps are said to have flown the Nationalist standard outside Peking, where they are waiting to surrender.

THE FOREIGNERS.

What Britain Will Do—Vide Commons.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, after Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, P.C. (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) had made a statement on latest developments in China, Comdr. J. M. Kenworthy (a Labour member) asked if it had been proposed to call a conference of the Powers to deal with the new situation in view of the approaching government of China by a single body.

In reply, Mr. Locker-Lampson said that he thought it premature and added "directly we know what Government is to take over we shall act."—Reuter.

Assurance Given.

Peking, To-day.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's representative, Tuan Yung-chuan, arrived at Peking on the afternoon of June 5. He is to call on the Legations to-day (June 6) to give a guarantee on behalf of Chiang Kai-shek that there will be no danger to foreign life or property.—Reuter.

RAILWAY TROUBLE.

Carrying Off of Cars: Fengtien Assembly.

Peking, To-day.
It is understood that the Fengtien troops are carrying off with them in their retreat to Manchuria not only practically all the rolling stock of the Peking-Mukden Railway but also a great number of trucks and locomotives of other lines, such as the Peking-Hankow Railway and the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

Communications in North China are, therefore, likely to be dislocated for some time.—Reuter.

Blown Up Near Peking.

Peking, To-day.
The Fengtien troops, in their retreat, are reported to have blown up the railway works at Changhsien-tien before leaving, obviously to hinder pursuit by the Nationalist allies if the latter desired such a course.—Reuter.

No Mails Nor Phones.

Peking, To-day.
Peking has not received mails for four days.

The telephone to Tientsin (about 70 miles away) has been broken more than once and calls are most difficult, except for officials.—Reuter.



The former "Boy" Emperor who, because hostilities may threaten Tientsin, where his home is, is forced to seek sanctuary in his native Manchuria.

Army (after being in difficulties) evacuated Fengtien early on the morning of June 5. There was a disorganised retreat. Several villages near Tungchow, to the westward of Peking, were looted by the troops.—Reuter.

Nearing South of Peking.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Troops in units of the Kuomintang (the Nationalist 2nd group army under the "Christian General") commanded by General Lu Chung-lin, their most renowned fighter, have occupied Lanfang. The Northerners there retreated to Nanyuen, a suburb of Peking.—"Wah Keung Po."

Shanghai, To-day.
Owing to the Peking-Mukden Railway having been severed, Generals Chang Hsueh-liang, Yang Yu-ting and Chang Tso-hsiang may have to leave some of their Manchurian troops behind in Peking and environs; and there is danger that these troops may have to surrender to the Nationalist allies.—"Wah Keung Po."

CHANG TSO-LIN.

Two Messages About "Rumoured" Death.

A British Naval wireless des-

PRINCE ESCAPES.

Helped By Asylum Attendant.

INADEQUATE FINE.

Egyptian Gets Out of Ticehurst Home.

London, May 18.
John Bastone, charged at Hastings with aiding and abetting the escape of Prince Ahmed Seifeddin, from the asylum at Ticehurst, Sussex, was fined £20, the maximum penalty under the Lunacy Act, which the Chief Constable described as totally inadequate for the nature of the offence to which Bastone pleaded guilty.

[An earlier message, dated London, May 10, read:—The dramatic escape of the Egyptian Prince Ahmed Seifeddin, from the Asylum at Ticehurst, Sussex, in 1925, accompanied by two asylum attendants, is recalled by the arrest of John Bastone, one of the Prince's attendants at Ticehurst, and his arrival yesterday at Dover from Calais. The attendant is charged with aiding and abetting the other attendant, named Pilbeam, to assist Prince Ahmed Seifeddin's escape. The warrant for the arrest of Bastone and Pilbeam has been out since the escape.]

patch from the North of yesterday's date reads:—

"An unconfirmed report states that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has died of wounds sustained in the bomb outrages. His death, however, is being kept secret."

The Mukden correspondent of the "Jiji," a Japanese paper, has sent a report to the same effect. In the absence of more definite information at the moment, it is unwise to go further than saying that Chang Tso-lin was wounded in the shoulder and that he was driven away in a motor car.

Other Naval wireless despatches confirm the cables in yesterday's "China Mail" with regard to the surrender of 70,000 or 80,000 Northern troops to the Nationalists—with a view to keeping down the influence of the "Christian General."

[Note: The railway along which the Northerners are retreating runs from Peking down to Tientsin, and then out through the Great Wall to Mukden in Manchuria. Nearly all the places referred to, as where the railway has been cut, or where the Nationalists have forced out the Manchurians, are either close to Peking, or close to the 70 miles of railway between Peking and Tientsin.]

"BOY" EMPEROR.

Has to Leave Tientsin With Family.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The former "boy" Emperor Hsuan Tung, last of the defunct Manchurian dynasty, left Tientsin (where he has resided in a Foreign Concession for some years) with his family at 1 a.m. on June 5. His destination is believed to be Mukden, the capital of Manchuria, away from the war zone.—"Wah Keung Po."

PEKING.

How to Assure Protection for People.

Peking, Yesterday.
M. Oudendijk (the Dutch Minister and Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps) has cabled General Tan Yen-kai of the Nationalist Foreign Office, Nanking, as follows:—

"I shall be greatly obliged if Your Excellency will kindly transmit by wire the following telegram to Yen Hsi-shan, Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang:—

"The diplomatic representatives of the Foreign Powers have the honour to draw the attention of the Commanders of the Chinese armies approaching Peking to the fact that an interim period may occur wherein the population of this city may remain without protection. They learned that General Pao of the Fengtien Army is staying at present in Peking with the sole object of maintaining peace and order at the request of the Committee of Elder Statesmen. Without desiring to interfere in the least with any military movements in China, representatives of the Powers, having in view only the safety of (Continued on Page 7.)

THE DERBY.

To-day's Eventful Race.

JOCKEY FIXING.

Stage Set for the Classic Event.

London, Yesterday.
In the Derby, being run to-day, Marshall will ride Advocate and J. Leach Camelford. Heirloom and Wheeler are not running. P. Beasley rides O'Curry.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.
To-morrow the race for the Derby Stakes, popularly known as The Derby, will be run at Epsom. To-day, on the eve of the race, the question of what will win is the absorbing topic.

Lord Derby's Fairway is favourite at odds of 5/2, which reflect the opinion of racing men that Fairway has the outstanding choices. Three of the owners of horses will not be

THE WEATHER.

N.E. winds, moderate, fair, is the forecast until to-morrow at noon.

A feeble anti-cyclone remains over Japan. The Pratas depression is moving slowly north-eastward towards the Bashi Channel.

able to witness the attempt of their candidates to win the blue ribbon of the Turf. Lord Derby, one of the very popular heads of racing, will be absent owing to his recent bereavement by the death of his daughter in the hunting field.

II. H. the Aga Khan has been ill with pneumonia in France and has been forbidden by his doctor to travel to Epsom.

Captain Gough is shooting big game in Africa.

Among other owners of horses engaged is the veteran statesman, Lord Rosebery, whose colt Camelford is regarded as having an outside chance of winning and an excellent chance of finishing in the first three.

Lord Rosebery will also not be there to-morrow on account of his age. He won the Derby when he was Prime Minister in 1894 and won it again in 1895 with Sir Visto and in 1905 with Cicero.

Though only wealthy men can afford to engage in the Derby this classic race on Epsom Downs is the most democratic event of the year. At least half a million of all sorts and conditions of men will congregate on the famous downs.

The event will be graced by the presence of the King, who will be accompanied by the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York.—British Wireless Service.

HOGGS AND HARTS.

MR. R. H. MAZE'S INTERESTING LETTER.

SIR ROBERT'S FAMILY.

It is not generally known, states the "China Express" that Lord Hailsham, the new Lord Chancellor, had a very brilliant grandfather, who, nearly a hundred years ago, at the age of thirty, was earning the truly remarkable income of £15,000 a year at the Calcutta bar. James Hogg, son of William Hogg, of Lisburn, and a product of Trinity College, Dublin, entered the House of Commons on his return to England and sat there for twenty-two years, being created a baronet on the recommendation of Sir Robert Peel.

These facts are brought out in a letter to "T.P.'s Weekly" by Mr. Robert Hart Maze, F.R.G.S. We may add that Mr. Hart Maze is a grandson of a well-known County Down gentleman, the late Mr. Henry Hart, of Ravanette House, near Lisburn, whose eldest son was the late Sir Robert Hart, Bt., of Peking. Mr. Hart's second son, the late Mr. James H. Hart, was decorated with the Order of Honour in 1873 by the famous Marshal MacMahon, Duke of Magenta, the second President of the French Republic. He also wore the Order of Francis Joseph of Austria, conferred upon him long before the Great War by the Emperor Francis Joseph the First.

THE EMPLOYEE.

When He Can Be Summarily Dismissed.

PUISNE JUDGE'S RULING.

Questions of Being Absent and Negligent.

When can an employer summarily dismiss an employee? This question was argued at considerable length by Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones in the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice P. Jack (Puisne Judge).

His Lordship concerned himself with facts in the case which did or did not justify dismissal.

An employee might be habitually late, said His Lordship, and negligent in his duties, as in the present case; but he was not sure that such grounds were sufficient for the dismissal alleged.

He thought one would have warned the delinquent—as had been done in the case under discussion—and, if the acts were repeated, the employer ought to give a month's formal notice.

In Spite of Warning.

Mr. Hugh Jones argued that this was not so according to the authorities.

His Lordship replied that gross negligence or something of a serious nature would justify dismissal.

In the end, His Lordship said that the employee in the case had absented himself in spite of warning and therefore the dismissal must be upheld.

Rangan Shah sued the King Kee beef butcher of Central Market for \$72, half being for salary for April and half for a month's salary in lieu of notice.

How to Attract Custom.

Plaintiff, who was not legally represented, said that he was engaged to slaughter cattle and to sit at defendant's stall where his presence as a Mahomedan would attract Mahomedan custom. He had worked eight months. His evidence, plaintiff accused his former master of supplying short-weight to Mahomedan customers, thereby leading to ill feeling between employer and employee.

Defendant's case was that plaintiff had drawn parts of his salary on different dates, but he admitted dismissing plaintiff on short notice which, he claimed, was justified. He had paid \$14.30 into Court, being balance of salary due in April.

After giving the decision referred to above, His Lordship entered judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$14.30 (the sum paid into Court), each side to pay their own costs.

PRAYA COMB-OUT.

SEARCHING FOR BIG SUM OF SILVER.

DISHONEST SHIP'S COOK.

Through the action of a ship's cook who is accused of making off with \$11,000 in silver, detectives in the local Criminal Investigation Department carried out an extensive and thorough comb-out of hand-truck coolies on the Colony's waterfront.

They succeeded and obtained further clues.

The cook of the s.s. "Hydrangea" had been entrusted with the money by a party in Swatow to deliver to a native banker in Hong Kong for a fee of \$24. He failed to appear at the bank. Inquiries were set on foot. The silver was traced to an empty flat in Kennedy Town. Neither the cook nor the money could be found but two men were charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E. to-day and remanded for a week.

U.S. GOLD.

ANOTHER \$10,000,000 GOING TO LONDON.

BIG EFFLUX.

New York, Yesterday.
The s.s. "Berengaria" is sailing to England with ten million dollars additional gold bullion making the total which has left the United States since September \$385,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. J. A. Plummer has been appointed a director of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation vice Mr. A. Macgowan.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

MUSSOLINI SPEAKS IN THE SENATE.

FIRST VIEWS IN TWO YEARS.

Reference To Japan, China, And Siam.

TRUSTS THAT CHINA MAY REALISE UNITY.

Signor Mussolini, Italy's Fascist Premier, has, for only the second time in two years, made a statement in the Italian Senate on foreign affairs. Il Duce, according to Reuter, "roamed world-wide" in his remarks, referring to Japan, China and Siam. He said that if China denounced her treaty with Italy as with Belgium and Spain, it might be serious, "especially as regards Italy's banking interests and commercial institutions apart from her eleven apostolic vicariates." He hoped for unity in China. The Duce also mentioned that Italy had exported to Siam 277 motor-cars.

WHAT FASCISM IS.

Rome, Yesterday.

In the course of a speech in the Senate, on the first statement on foreign affairs that he has made in two years, Signor Mussolini roamed world-wide.

Beginning with Japan, with which country he said Italy's relations were very cordial through Italo-Japanese trade, though the turnover was modest.

As regards China, Signor Mussolini found the situation exceedingly interesting. He referred to the possibility of that country realising unity. He recalled that China had denounced trade treaties with Belgium and Spain and said that the consequences of a similar denunciation of the Italian treaty might be serious, especially with regard to Italy's banking interests and commercial institutions apart from her eleven apostolic vicariates. He hoped the situation would clear up and permit of close

that one could write "finis" to the chapter of history entitled "reparations" as it would be an advantage to the economic life of Europe and the whole world.

He refuted the allegations that Fascism was hostile to the League of Nations and observed that Italy did not attribute to that body "almost mythological virtues."—Reuter.

ITALY AND FASCISM.

What Mussolini Really Stands For.

[By Viscount Rothermere.]

For English people without personal knowledge of Italy it has hitherto been difficult to form an impartial judgment of Mussolini and his regime. From the first his personality and policy have aroused among commentators a partisan spirit that has led to exaggeration on both sides. This disadvantage has been greatly remedied by a book which has recently appeared by Mr. James Strachey Barnes, under the title, "The Universal Aspects of Fascism." It is a very successful effort to provide an impartial investigation of Fascism, carried out from the standpoint of the political philosopher.

As such this book has real value, for the bitterest of Mussolini's critics are those who base their condemnation upon abstract considerations of political principle alone.

To these theorists Mr. Barnes replies that Fascism must be regarded as a special means of dealing with a special set of circumstances. He does not recoil from describing it as a revolution, but he argues that the benefits which it has brought have been cheaply won at the cost of the casualties which it inflicted. Many of the strongest adversaries of Fascism regard the French Revolution as a great emancipating movement of enormous benefit to mankind. Enormous among them profess admiration for the principles of the recent Russian Revolution. But in comparison with these events the cost of the Fascist Revolution in human life and suffering has been insignificant. Its casualty-roll is little more than 4,000, of which at least half is made up by the deaths of Fascists themselves.

Repression of Indiscipline.

From a very early stage, however, the Fascist leaders began the stern repression of indiscipline in their own ranks. To their vigorous action is due the striking fact that the economic life of Italy has not declined, but improved, during the period when her political constitution was being turned upside down. No Great Power involved in the war has recovered her economic position more completely than Italy. This is due, Mr. Barnes believes, to the vigorous assertion of the principle of State authority.

Mussolini's adversaries reproach him with having subjected his country to a Dictatorship. Mr. Barnes refuses to admit that Dictatorship is anything but a passing phase of the Fascist system. It is a means to the end of national reorganisation, and will pass away when the immediate needs of the moment have been overcome.

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Signor Mussolini.

and friendly relations with the Chinese Government.

As regards Siam, although their commercial relations were somewhat restricted, Italy had exported thither 277 motor-cars.—Reuter.

Friendship With England.

Mussolini declared that one of the bases of Italy's foreign policy was friendship with England, and that Italy's relations with Germany and France were much improved. It would be, he said, infinitely better with regard to the former if the "irresponsibles" were not supported in the absurd pretension of intervening in Italy's internal policy. Conversations had begun with France in March aiming at concluding a Pact of Friendship and the settlement of outstanding North African questions.

Italy and Yugo-Slavia.

Mussolini referred sharply to the situation in Yugo-Slavia, especially to the recent outbreaks and enjoined prudence and circumspection on the disturbing elements. Yugo-Slavia, he said, had been influenced by Anti-Fascist agitators. He regretted that the treaty with Yugo-Slavia had not been ratified.

Italy's relations with all other countries were generally very satisfactory. Mussolini wished

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6	Wong Nei Chong Road.	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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8	Wong Nei Chong Road.	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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There was a very large crowd on the No. 1 arrival platform at King's-cross last evening to welcome the train as it steamed into the station at 6.18 o'clock. The timing of the journey had been as follows:

Berwick.—One minute early.
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York.—One minute early.
Doncaster.—Three minutes early.
Grantham.—Two minutes early.
Peterborough.—One minute early.
Hatfield.—One minute late.
King's-cross.—Two and a half minutes early.

For the first half of the journey the train was driven by Driver T. Henderson, with Fireman R. McKenzie, both of Edinburgh; and the second half by Driver J. Day, with Fireman F. Gray, both of King's-cross.

As the huge engine steamed alongside the platform the crowd cheered heartily, and the drivers and firemen were quickly surrounded by officials and friends, anxious to congratulate them on their non-stop run of 392 miles. On the platform were Mr. William Whitelaw, the chairman of the L.N.E.R.; Sir Ralph Wedgwood, chief general manager, and Lady Wedgwood; Mr. W. M. Tensdale, assistant general manager; and Mr. Alexander Wilson, divisional general manager. Mr. Whitelaw congratulated the drivers and firemen, and presented each of them with a case of pipes and a tobacco pouch, with a silver plate recording that it was "to commemorate the first non-stop run between London and Edinburgh, May 1, 1928."

70 Miles An Hour.
Driver Thomas Henderson told a representative of "The Daily Telegraph" that the engine behaved splendidly all the way and everything went smoothly throughout the journey. Before they left Edinburgh, he said, a rosette of white heather and white silk was presented to each of them by Miss Haig, on behalf of the Lord Provost, and a large one, with a horseshoe, was attached to the front of the engine.

Mr. J. Day, who brought the train into King's-cross, gave an equally satisfactory account of his portion of the journey, and said that the greatest speed was reached about Hatfield, which was passed at seventy miles an hour.

The drivers and firemen changed places about 200 miles from either terminus, at the village of Toller, between York and Thirsk, a level stretch known as the "galloping track," passing to and from the guard's brake van to the engine by a special corridor. Mr. Alexander Renton, local inspector, travelled on the engine the greater part of the journey. The engine is of the "Pacific" type and weighs 154 tons with its tender.

The Lord Mayor (Sir Charles Batho) was among those who cheered the "Flying Scotsman" on its departure from King's-cross yesterday morning. Enthusiastic scenes marked the arrival of the train at Edinburgh and on behalf of the passengers pocket-books were presented to Drivers Pilworth and Blades and Firemen Goddard and Morris, who manned the engine.

PAINTED TYPIST.

SHOCKS FOR AN AGED ART
DEALER.

A "LIVING PICTURE."

Berlin.—Fraulein Becker, an elaborately painted young woman, sued a white-haired dealer in antiquities for a month's wages in the Berlin Labour Court.

The old man said that when his daughter got married at the age of 40 and left him he found it necessary to have a clerk and advertised for one.

Fraulein Becker's letter applying for the post had pleased him and her references were good, so he engaged her by letter.

When she arrived he was horrified. "I know a good deal about paintings of the old masters and can appreciate a beautiful scheme of colour," he said, but a living picture like this young woman I have no use for."

Thick Coat of Paint.

He was, he explained, so taken aback when he saw her that he asked whether she seriously intended to work in his shop in such a condition. She seemed astonished by the question, and he had to tell her that he referred to her short dress and thick coat of paint.

"I refuse to have a fashion doll painted like a wild Indian in my business," said the old man.

Fraulein Becker said she was a qualified shorthand-typist, and declared that nothing would induce her to allow an employer to interfere with her personal liberty.

Whether she followed the prevailing fashion by wearing paint or not was her own affair.

The jury took the same view, and the dealer in antiquities was ordered to pay the typist a month's wages.

COSTS AGAINST WIFE

£2,000-A-YEAR WOMAN
DIVORCED.

Major Henry Seward Balliol Surtees (retired), living at Devonshire Lodge, Maidenhead, Berkshire, petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage, celebrated in 1898, and because of adultery between his wife, Helen Winifred Muriel, and the co-respondent, Mr. Pim Parry, whose address was not disclosed.

Major Surtees asked for the discretion of the court in his favour for an act of adultery committed in Paris, which led to proceedings between him and his wife in 1908.

Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.C., and Mr. T. Bucknill represented Mrs. Surtees and Mr. Parry, but the case was not defended.

Major Surtees, Mr. Harold Augustus Farman, solicitor, and Frank Paddy, waiter at the Felix Hotel, Jermyn-street, W., gave evidence.

Mr. Justice Bateson pronounced a decree nisi.

Mr. Cotes-Predy, K.C., representing Major Surtees, asked for an order against the wife's separate estate so far as costs were not recovered from the co-respondent, but costs were to be obtained as far as possible from the co-respondent.

A decree nisi was granted to Mrs. Mary Christiana Erskine Bridges, of the New City, Bognor, Sussex, on the ground of the adultery of her husband, Major Hughes Cuthbert Bridges, at an hotel last year. The charge was not contested.

Mrs. Bridges, her solicitor, Mr. Richard Taylor, and Rose Maud Prince, chambermaid at the Crown Hotel, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, were witnesses.

EARL'S COURT.

REVIVING THE GLORIES OF A
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The glories of Earl's Court are likely to be revived. Mr. Douglas Hacking, M.P., of the Department of Overseas Trade, announces that his Department is now in close touch with the Underground Company with a view to the building of one of the finest exhibition buildings in the world.

"This announcement," an "Evening Standard" representative was informed, "refers to negotiations which have been opened between the Underground Railways, who are ground landlords, of the space at Earl's Court, where previously exhibitions were held, and possible lessees."

There has been an approach made to the Government through the Board of Trade with a view (the statement to the "Evening Standard" continued) to the leasing of Earl's Court for a definite period in each year for the holding of the British Industries Fair.

The Government authorities are wholly favourable towards concentrating the Industries Fair at Earl's Court on account of its great accessibility and other advantages.

It is not intended that the Government shall spend money on the erection of buildings; but Treasury would guarantee payments for any lease of the buildings, short or long.

A Permanent Home.

The lease of Wembley for the British Industries Fair runs for 1929 and 1930. In 1931 a new home must be found, as the Fair has developed so greatly, both in usefulness and popularity, that, within a few years it is hoped it will be the biggest trade exhibition in the world.

It is hoped that there will be other lessees of the new exhibition buildings. Consequently, other negotiations than those with the Government are proceeding.

"What is aimed at is the erection of splendid exhibition buildings—a permanent home for the British Industries Fair; and a site and equipment which will accomplish a series of other exhibitions of value to British trade and commerce, with, of course, the amusement side well developed."

The negotiations are not complete, and are only in the preliminary stages at present, but more may be heard shortly.

There have been many schemes to revitalise Earl's Court in recent years. For years it has belonged to the era of Cremorne, Ranelagh and other famous exhibition grounds that have passed.

BLIND FRENCH M.P.

PROBLEM OF HIS RED CROSS
NURSE ESCORT.

Paris.—The expected election to the Chamber of Deputies of M. Scapin, a young officer who lost both eyes in the war, has raised an unprecedented parliamentary problem.

M. Scapin, who is president of the Blindfolded Soldiers' Federation, still has to face a second ballot for the Parc Monceau district of Paris, but he heads the ballot by such a long lead that his election is considered certain.

M. Scapin is escorted everywhere by a Red Cross nurse who has been his guide ever since he left hospital, but his escort cannot be by his side when he takes his seat in the Chamber, for parliamentary procedure forbids any stranger being present on the floor of the House.

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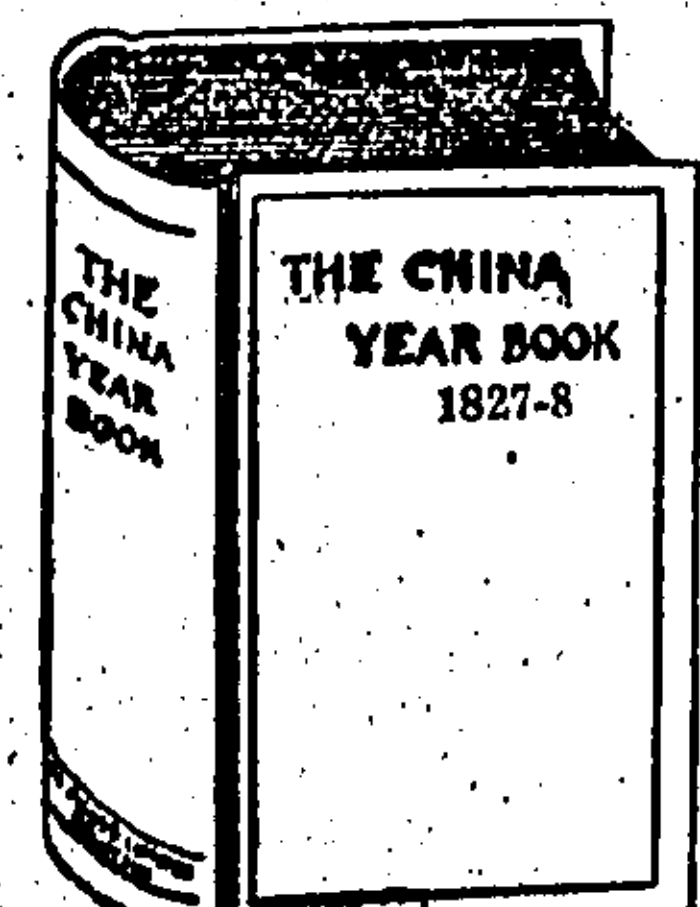
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SHIPPING SECTION.

CANAL COLLISION.

"TOO GREAT SPEED" OF
LIVERPOOL SHIP.

MANCHESTER INQUIRY.

Despite her surveyor's evidence, Mr. Justice Bateson, the Admiralty Court, said he was driven by an examination of the factors to find that the Liverpool steamer "Dotterel" went too fast up the Ship Canal, and so hit the steamer "Nestun," which he had signalled to come on down, and the "Nestun" never proceeded in the crab-like fashion which the "Dotterel" wished to say was the sole cause of the encounter.

The suit was brought by the owners of the "Nestun" against the "Dotterel" over a collision in the Canal on the night of January 19 last, and the "Dotterel" counter-claimed.

Mr. Lewis Noad was for the plaintiffs, instructed by Messrs. Batesons and Co., Liverpool, and Mr. R. H. Balloch for the "Nestun," instructed by Messrs. Weightman, Pedder and Co., Liverpool.

His Lordship said the "Nestun" was 1,270 tons gross, 237ft. long, and 36ft. 6in. beam, and she left a tip at Partington about 20 minutes after 7 four Santander with pitch. She said she saw the "Dotterel" a mile off, and sounded a long and a short, to which the "Dotterel" replied with a long blast. The "Dotterel," approaching rapidly, at 600 feet closed her green. The "Nestun" again sounded a long and short, she was on her starboard side, but the "Dotterel," at half a length away, shut in her red and opened her green. The "Nestun" went hard a port and reversed, but the "Dotterel" at speed, with her stem struck the port bow of the "Nestun." It was said the "Dotterel" did not keep to her own side. The "Dotterel" was a Liverpool vessel, 1,740 tons gross, 280ft. long, and 36ft. beam, and in approaching the "Nestun" said she hailed her to come on. She said the "Nestun" was on the wrong side of the channel, that was to say on the "Nestun's" port side, and struck the abutment of the bridge on her port side, and then with her port bow struck the port anchor and port bow of the "Dotterel." The suggestion was that the "Nestun" cast off from the tip at a wrong time, and failed to get to her own side of the channel, and to slacken.

Conclusive Evidence.
For the "Dotterel" Mr. Young gave some elaborate—at any rate detailed—reasons why he thought the angle of the "Dotterel" was less than had been represented. Mr. Young was always to be paid attention to when he gave evidence in these matters, and he pointed to a piece of evidence which he said was conclusive in his mind—the mark of what he said was the stem of the "Dotterel" in a piece of plate at the very after-end of the damage on board the "Nestun." That showed him, he said, that the angle must have been fine, because he got this piece of plate from practically the ship's side, and if the stem of the "Dotterel" made the mark—and he said he was quite sure it did, though he had never seen such a peculiar stem mark—it proved conclusively to his mind that the angle at that period was 18 degrees; and working back from that, he concluded that the angle must have been much finer—8 to 6 degrees—at the start.

His Lordship thought the criticism of Mr. Young's evidence amounted to this, that he was working back from a piece of evidence which he found after two moving vessels had finished their col-

lision, and what precisely happened as those vessels were getting to the position his Lordship did not think anybody could tell. On the whole, he had come to the conclusion that the eye-witnesses were more reliable about this than Mr. Young. Of course, if Mr. Young was right it destroyed a good deal of the "Nestun's" evidence as to where they were in the canal, because their case about their position was, that they were right over on their proper side and it was very difficult to get any sort of angle that would bring the "Nestun" to such a position as to be in collision with her stem. It also destroyed the "Dotterel's" case, to a large extent, as to the crab-like motion by which they wanted to say the "Nestun" had come down from Partington, for it put the "Nestun" very nearly—or within 8 degrees of being—on a straight up and down course. His Lordship concluded the eye-witnesses were right, and the surveyor on one side did not outweigh the evidence on the other coupled with their surveyor. The damage on the "Nestun" seemed to his Lordship—and he was speaking for himself and the Elder Brethren—clearly to indicate a heavy blow with speed.

Combined Speed.
Again, Mr. Young put the combined speed at five knots. The court thought that was rather more, and his Lordship thought it was nearly all on the "Dotterel." The "Dotterel" said herself that the "Nestun" had not any way, and his Lordship did not think the "Nestun" had more than a knot or a little over. But the blow seemed to him to have been caused by very much more than that. The anchor of the "Dotterel" was driven right into the side of the "Nestun," and one of the flukes was apparently broken off.

The Judge said he thought the "Dotterel" was going pretty nearly five knots herself when this blow took place. It might be that the anchor being where it was, and being brought up by something massive, would help to drive the quarter of the "Nestun" against the brickwork of the south side of the canal. That was another possible explanation of the damage on the port quarter. The "Dotterel's" case was that a fresh was running up very strong. That was the original case, but it rather melted as they proceeded.

Another pilot than the "Dotterel's" was called, and he said that at six o'clock he found the current one to 1½ knots. Of course that was considerably earlier. The "Dotterel's" case was that she was proceeding in the centre of the canal, making two knots, when she first saw the other ship. That was clearly an error. She was going full speed. She saw the "Nestun" in plenty of time and at sufficient distance to give herself, if she had not been going much too fast, ample opportunity to get her way off. His Lordship dare say that if she had stopped her engines at once, and perhaps given them a touch astern now and then, she might have kept her heading and kept off the bank.

Seeing the position she was in—nearly a mile from the "Nestun"—she had no business, in his Lordship's view, to go up to meet her where she actually did, so close to the bridge. It was excessive speed on her part that took her there. Whether she thought she might squeeze through or not his Lordship did not know, but if he did she ought to have taken much more care than she did to see that she did not sheer off. She admitted seeing the glimmer of the green light of the "Nestun" somewhat about the hoist.

"Like a Crab."
His Lordship thought possibly that the "Nestun" did get more or less head down, and the pilot said the loss of the green light, after he had seen it, was due to the fact that the bridge or the piers of the bridge cut it out from him, again indicating that the "Nestun" was more or less right on a down-canal course. But the "Dotterel's" case was that having left the hoist the "Nestun" simply drifted down with the current, like a crab, across the canal, and having drifted down the canal like a crab, she, fortunately for her, hit the buttress of the bridge, which straightened her up afresh to bring her bow into contact with the "Dotterel," which was lying so far over on her own side of the canal that if she had gone straight on her centre line she would just have cleared the brickwork of the bridge.

His Lordship did not think that was the truth at all. There were many difficulties in the way of believing it—the difficulty of getting the vessels into collision and the impossibility of believing that the "Dotterel" was lying stopped, as she wanted to say, for an appreciable time 160 feet away from the bridge. His Lordship did not think she was ever stopped and lying in that way at all.

One other matter, not unimportant, was this. The steersman of the "Dotterel" said that the last order he got was hard a port just before the collision, and he gave away the "Dotterel's" case of lying stopped with no way on her by telling the court he had way on the ship which allowed her to answer her helm, and he thought, but wasn't sure—or he knew, but wasn't sure which it was—that her engines were going ahead either half or full speed. The engineer of the "Dotterel" had a slip of paper on which he kept the orders of the blackboard, and the last order, in the hieroglyphics he used, was full speed ahead.

In his notebook to which these orders ought to have been transferred, the order was put down as full speed astern, and his evidence was that it was full speed astern. It was to be noticed that if that was the order, the next order was not for ten minutes, and then his Lordship thought it was ahead slow. So it was quite clear the engineer had not got the orders, because it was not to be supposed that he went full ahead for ten minutes immediately after this accident, and his Lordship was quite certain he did not go full speed astern for ten minutes.

There was not much doubt that there was an ahead order about the time of the accident, and that went a long way to show that this vessel was trying to get out of a difficulty, and the only difficulty his Lordship thought she would be likely to be trying to get out of was correcting a sheer. It was said that the point about holding back was not raised by the pleader. Quite true, it was not. The answer to that was that it was not the true case. If the "Nestun" had been coming down like a crab, right athwart the canal, nobody would imagine the "Dotterel" would ever have gone on in the way she did. The only justification for her going on at all was that the "Nestun" was coming down in the ordinary way, and that the "Dotterel" expected to pass her all right, and this was supported by the evidence that the "Dotterel" hailed her to come on. The "Nestun" was coming down in the ordinary way, not crab-like, blocking the whole canal, and the "Dotterel" was alone to blame.

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RAJPUTANA	16,068	20th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,144	3rd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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After three days in hiding Miss Jennie emerged from the aft hold, and the amazement her appearance created in the "Herzogin Cecilie" is graphically described by Mr. A. J. Villiers, one of the crew.

"Everybody was thunderstruck," he declared.

If she had been a man we should have been glad, for we should have welcomed as many male stowaways as were mad enough to come. But a woman in a ship of sails—and an untutored young woman at that—was useless, unwanted, and in the way. Besides, women brought head winds, said some of us.

If the crew of the "Herzogin Cecilie" did not welcome Miss Jennie, who had taken this means of realising her life's ambition to make a voyage round the Horn in a sailing ship, she herself did not mind. She was having her voyage, and she loved it. She kept a journal of her impressions of the passage, and from it are taken the extracts that follow. Somewhere under the line they met the Swedish four-masted barque "C. B. Pedersen," Sydney to Queenstown, of which she writes:

In the early greyness of the dawn a small blot appeared upon the horizon, and the blot grew and grew until after two days it resolved itself into a thing of beauty, a tall sailing-ship with white wings spread to the wind. From my standpoint against the fire-rail of the jigger mast in the shade I had a magnificent view. I was rather loth to show myself—the only girl among all these men, and a stowaway at that.

By and by I heard the mate yell, "We have a girl on board!"

There followed an amazed silence; then, in incredulous tones: "What?"

The mate repeated the information, with details, but the "C. B. Pedersen's" crew, remarking that they saw no girl, suggested that she might show herself. So I sprang into the jigger ratlines in my white frock (and got black all over it). It was pretty obvious that the "Pedersen's" crowd didn't believe in me. They thought I was a boy dressed up, and I wish that I could have understood the things that they said about me! They were all in Swedish; maybe it was just as well.

"Only Felt A Goat"

The "Pedersen" had now dropped slightly astern and lay with her bowsprit almost touching our counter; that bowsprit was just a moving mass of sailors scrambling out to look at this strangeness of strangeness, a girl stowaway! I suppose I ought to have felt important, but I only felt a goat. I did not like to stay there, but the picture that old four-master made in the glorious sunlight was so magnificent that I just couldn't go.

Here is a description of a moonlight night in the North Atlantic:

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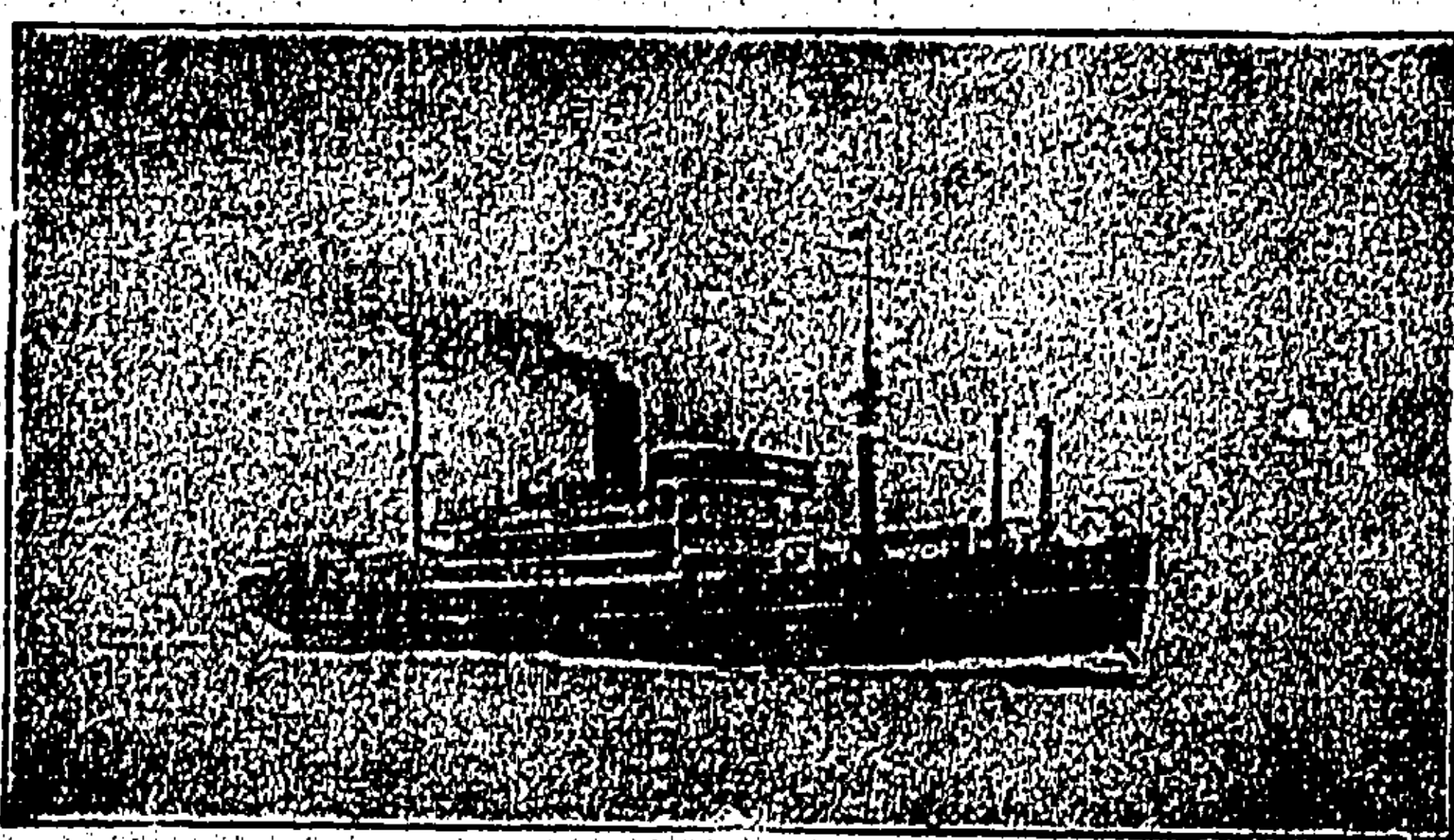
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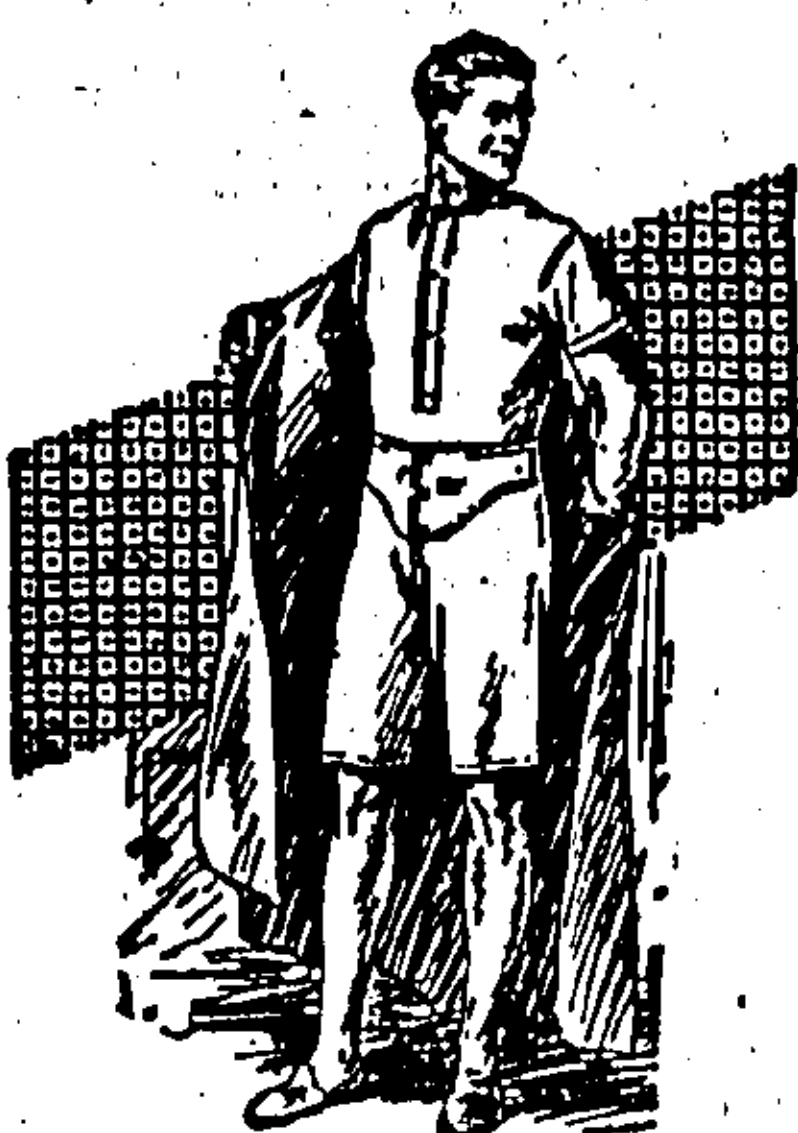
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DEATHS.

BROWNE.—On May 5, at Highgate, Mrs. Lillian Clifford Browne, in her 50th year.

GOODMAN.—On May 3, at Hove, Sir William Meigh Goodman, of Clavdel, Guildford, aged 81.

GRAY.—On May 2, at Hampstead, Alexander Gray, for 46 years with the P. and O. S.N. Co., aged 61.

HATRICK.—On May 1, at London, Robert Norman Hatrick (late of Manila), aged 55.

PRATT BARLOW.—On May 4, at Bath, George Pratt Barlow, late Sarawak Civil Service.

RICHARDS.—On April 29, at St. Mawes, Ernest Caldwell Richards, late of the P. and O. Company's service, in his 59th year.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, June 6, 1928.

THE FIRST STEP.

So many unsuccessful administrations have functioned in China that a feeling of relief usually greets a new one no matter how unfavourable the circumstances in which it assumes office. The Nationalist Government in China is not new. But a new epoch commences with the extension of its rule to Peking, the capital of the North and the capital which has been recognised by the outside world from the inception of contact with the exterior. Every indication points to Nanking remaining the headquarters of the Nationalist Party and the seat of the Nationalist Central Government. In time, provided nothing intervenes, the Ministers of the

Powers will have to remove to Nanking. With that we are not concerned for the moment. An atmosphere of expectancy has been created. After an interval of many weary years, one government functioned at least nominally throughout China Proper. It is necessary to go back to the early days of the Republic—about seventeen years ago—to recall the period when all the eighteen provinces acknowledged the rule of a national capital, even though that degree fluctuated. The element of fluctuation will be dealt with at a later stage of this article. First of all it is noted with gratification that the complicated rivalry between Peking and Nanking has been overcome. Giving most pleasure to foreigners is the prospect that an era of peace has set in. Except, possibly, for minor hitches, the so-called Northern Army is on its way back to Manchuria, outside the Great Wall once more. Japan is very unlikely to permit the Nationalists to follow up—and the Nationalists appear to be trusting more to compromise than to war for the final grand solution.

The fact that some of the Manchurian units have joined the Nationalists (because they are unable to evacuate) is not of lasting consequence. Peace may be delayed but the Nationalists are in such a strong position that the subjugation of the North can be regarded as an accomplished fact. Diplomatically, the independence of Manchuria from China Proper is not an unsurmountable obstacle. Accordingly, the Nationalists in Nanking will be looked upon as the one responsible authority for the eighteen provinces. Cable to vernacular papers mention important conferences between the three leading Nationalist Generals, Chiang Kai-shek (commander-in-chief), Feng Yu-shiang (the "Christian General," commander of the Kuomintang) and Yen Hsi-shan (governor of Shansi). Influences have been at work whereby it is hoped to put Yen Hsi-shan in charge of Peking, the provinces of Chihli and his own Shansi, and the special areas of Jehol, Charhar and Suiyuan outside the Great Wall; also with Yen Hsi-shan's chief lieutenant as head of the government of the metropolitan province. The "Christian General," however, is to have a voice in Peking. Herein lies the germ of anxiety for the future. Will there be spheres of personal influence with the old warlord and suchon symptoms? One or two such exist now, notably those at Hankow and Canton. Saving

graces exist, however, in the acknowledgment of Nanking's authority and the sincere desire to co-operate in matters of common concern. Differences may crop up, on the other hand, in affairs of revenue and local power. At the worst—judged by experience of the last two or three years—the spheres of influence referred to know that it is in their own interest to show deference if not obedience to Nanking. We referred to fluctuation in the first part of this article. The fluctuation has been in the degree of harmony between provincial capitals and Nanking. At the moment, no province or combination of provinces is strong enough to defy Nanking and, better still, there is little inducement to do so. Nanking's scope will necessarily be limited because of this but it will be more of a national capital than Peking has been for a long time. And this is a material step towards practical unity.

A Romantic Figure.

Of ex-President Li Yuan-hung, who has just passed away at Tientsin, it may truly be said that he approached more nearly the character of a figure of romance than perhaps any other of the leaders of modern China. And strangely enough the man himself was probably the very antithesis of the romantic, for he appeared to be thoroughly practical, nothing more nor less than "a soldier and sailor of the old school," as was stated in our brief obituary in yesterday's "China Mail." The romance of his life, chiefly from the beginning of the Republic in 1911 until, for the third time, he laid aside the Vice-Presidency or the Presidency in 1923 and finally fled from Peking to Tientsin, consisted in the extraordinary events that occurred and in which he was compelled—often against his will, it would appear—to play a leading part. Li Yuan-hung, well-informed Chinese have told us, was not a man whose Nature ever intended to be a leader. He was not even ambitious and never appeared, to prize what came to him so easily and which much abler men sought for in vain. He could not but be conspicuous, for fate had marked him out as the military man who actually was the first to move towards Peking and to the final fall of the Manchurian Dynasty. The move was successful, as it could not but be. But it was not Li Yuan-hung who made it so, for at practically every turn, soundly patriotic though he was, he had to be jogged along by colleagues much more ardent than he could possibly be. Yet it was he who easily eclipsed even the best of his military and civilian confederates, first at Nanking and, later, in Peking. For one thing, Li Yuan-hung was physically a splendid figure; also he was never at any time intellectual enough to cause those really bent on supremacy a moment's anxiety. In, however, the conflicts that frequently raged for power in Peking, compromise was essential and it was inevitable then that Li Yuan-hung should be the only possible choice. Thus only can be reconciled the fact that such a man should thrice occupy the highest posts in the Republic, be brought to such a height so easily and be dropped when thought desirable, even more easily. Yuan Shih-kai, Sun Yat-sen and Chiang Kai-shek may be regarded, to a certain degree, as figures of romance in China's national life since the Republic was established, but not in anything like the sense that romance clings to the name of Li Yuan-hung. Not that the man was in any way a mere nonentity. Impossible that it should be so in one who, probably, made up for his obvious deficiencies by qualities implying sterling character and in a genuine desire to further the interests of the young Republic.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINESE BATHING CLUB.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir,—May I inform the Committee of the Chinese Bathing Club that their present method of giving admittance to the "Student Members" into the Bathing Shed is far from being satisfactory. Formerly the usual manner, to which all members were to adhere, was just to their name when entering the shed, if the door-keeper knew them so well that they can be given admittance without a show of the membership ticket; student members are now being excluded from this way. They are demanded to sign their name, school, and the class, in which they study. Will the committee please enlighten me why student members are given this inconvenience. If

VANISHED JUNK.

PROVES TO HAVE BEEN
PIRATED IN HARBOUR.

WOMAN ON BOARD DIES.

The missing local junk which vanished into thin air about a fortnight ago has been traced, unfortunately, with fatal and other less serious consequences to some of those on board. Either through shock, or as the result of being cooped up in a hold, one of sixteen poor Chinese women lost her life. The junk was going from Kowloon city to Capaulim (the western entrance to the harbour) with the women who were to cut grass. A son of the owner was in charge and there were seven male hands when the junk sailed at 3 p.m. on May 23. The boat called at To-kwa-wan on the way. She set sail again at 6 p.m. on May 24. An hour later, when off Ching I island, which is inside the harbour, five or six pirates armed with revolvers got alongside in their boat. Everybody on board was locked under hatches for a night and a day when the junk had reached Saino, in Chinese territory.

Five Released.

One of the women died en route, she being a grass cutter of Kowloon city and only 20 years of age. Her body was put on shore.

All the other captives were marched to a temple 200 yards from the seaside and kept prisoner there. After a week or so, five of the women were liberated and told to return to Hong Kong to raise the ransom for the others. One of the captives told the Police instead.

THE INFANTS' CASE.

LEAVE TO APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL.

SECURITY OF COSTS.

Leave to appeal to the Privy Council was granted by the Full Court yesterday in the litigation popularly known as the "Infants' Mortgage Case."

Plaintiffs in the Court of Original Jurisdiction were Lo Kwong-lam and Lo Kwong-hin, two of the younger sons of a deceased Macao millionaire. Defendants are Mr. Li Koon-chun and Mr. Kan Tong-po, local Chinese bankers. The brothers asked that their one-third share in a \$400,000 mortgage on Hong Kong property be declared null and void by reason of the fact that when they signed the documents they were not of age and did not know what they were signing. Defendants allege that the brothers falsely represented themselves to be of age.

Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (then acting Chief Justice) found for defendants.

Yesterday's Application. The brothers appealed. Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice) and Sir Peter Grain (H.B.M.'s Judge at Shanghai) found for the plaintiffs-appellants. Mr. Justice Wood (then sitting as Puisne Judge) dissented, assenting to his original judgment. The appeal was accordingly allowed. Stay of execution was granted.

The application to appeal to the Privy Council came before Sir Henry Gollan and Mr. Justice F. J. Jacka (Puisne Judge) yesterday.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master) was for the appellants (the original defendants). Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Messrs. G. K. Hall, Brutton & Co.) was for respondents (the brothers).

After argument on legal points and orders by their Lordships, including one for security of costs, the leave was granted.

LAND SALES.

Two lots of Crown land in Kowloon were sold by auction yesterday.

Details follow:—Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,115, at Mongkok, containing 1,550 square feet—bought by Mr. A. G. Pilo, architect, on behalf of Mr. Wong Kwok-ping, for \$3,487.50.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,184, at Shamshui, containing 1,071 square feet—bought by Mr. Mok Kwok-cheuk, on behalf of Mr. Ho Yau-ki of No. 61, Keelung-street, for \$1,839.

The committee desire to check, if one is the student, I am sure there are numerous ways to adopt. Perhaps they could have checked it, when application for entry was submitted.

The committee are certainly proud of the membership as it stands at present, on which I congratulate them heartily, but I would at the same time ask them to give their members fair and equal treatment.

In bringing the above to the committee's notice, I am voicing on behalf of a number of my school-mates.

Yours, etc.
A STUDENT.

OPERATION NEEDED.

MR. R. D. GENESS'S CONDITION
NOT SERIOUS.

BULLET IN BACK OF HEAD.

Doctors of the Government Civil Hospital are to operate this afternoon on Mr. R. D. Geness, who is alleged to have inflicted a gun-wound on himself yesterday evening. His condition is not deemed to be very serious. In fact he was conscious when admitted into hospital shortly after the shooting. On Police authority, the "China Mail" learns that a .32 Smith-Wesson revolver was used.

Mr. Geness is 27 years of age. He lives in Union-building, being employed as a diver by the Port Development office in the Public Works Department.

Official Version.

The official report adds that he was removed to hospital with a bullet wound in the head, self-inflicted whilst under the influence of liquor at Craigengower Cricket Club, Happy Valley.

Mr. Geness has spent considerable time in the club yesterday. It is understood. He was lying on a couch when he drew the revolver from his hip pocket, placed it to the back of his neck—and a report was heard. He was then removed in an ambulance.

Det. Inspector Lane and Det. Sgt. Whelan had charge of investigations.

AN ALIBI.

DEFENCE TO SERIOUS CHARGE.

CHINESE REMANDED.

Wong Yu-fan was again remanded yesterday before Major C. Willson on a charge of indecent behaviour before two European ladies in Kennedy-road on May 21.

Evidence by the ladies was to the effect that at about 7.30 p.m. on the day in question as they were nearing the junction of Macdonnell and Kennedy-roads they heard a motor cycle behind them, and turning around they saw the cyclist put the machine against the railing near the Hermitage. He walked across the road and stood in front of them under the street lamp, and then behaved as stated in the charge. The Army Married Quarters in Kennedy-road are close to this place and witness saw her husband. She called to him to come up, and the cyclist ran off in the direction of Wanchai leaving his motor cycle beside the railing. They chased him but could not overtake him, and returned to the cycle. Her husband then ordered an Indian Constable to stand beside it and he telephoned to the Police. Witness was present at an identification parade held the next day, and she picked out the defendant as the man who had committed the offence.

The other lady who was with the last witness corroborated. After the cyclist had run away, they waited for a time beside his cycle, and later they saw him walking up Macdonnell-road. At the identification parade the witness pointed out the defendant as the man with the cycle.

A police sergeant who gave evidence of seeing the man return for his motor cycle, cross-examined by Mr. F. H. Loseby (for the defence) said the complainants described the cyclist as "short and stumpy, like a Japanese, with his hair pushed up, and blowing in the wind."

A. S. I. Rozesky, said that he first met the defendant when he was brought to the Station by Sgt. Flattery, and was present when the charge was explained in Chinese to the defendant. Later the defendant's father appeared and after it was explained to him that an identification parade would be held they were allowed to go.

Identified. At 11.30 the next day, eleven Chinese, including the defendant were lined up and dressed in European clothing. The defendant, at his own wish, was placed 5th in the row. Mr. Kent, A.S.P. was in charge of the parade.

The first complaint was called and after looking at the men, pointed out the defendant, and said: "From the build and appearance of the 5th man in the line, I think that he is the man." "I did not see his face."

Again the defendant was allowed to charge his position, but declined. The second complaint was called, and also pointed out the defendant as the man. She said, "I think from his appearance and build that he is the man. It was dark at the time and I couldn't see his face clearly."

AN ALIBI.

Mr. Loseby said that the defence would be an alibi. He could call evidence to prove that the defendant was not in Kennedy-road at the time, and that he was not the person involved in the incident. As the defence wished to call two witnesses, the case was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 2.15 p.m.

Captain W. H. E. Nelson has been appointed Harbour Master at Poole, Dorset.

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IN PEKING.

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foreign residents as well as the population in general, would feel exceedingly gratified if the armies commanded by Your Excellency would leave General Pao's force in Peking till the protection of the city can be taken over by incoming troops by some arrangement whereby provision could be made for General Pao's men to peacefully withdraw."—Reuter.

The Local Authorities.

Peking, Yesterday. The Committee of Public Safety has telegraphed to Generals Tan Yen-kai, Yen Hsi-shan, Chiang Kai-shek, and Feng Yu-hsiang in similar terms the telegram from the Diplomatic Body explaining that General Pao's brigade of Fengtien troops has been retained at Peking as it was feared that the Peking police will not be sufficient to maintain order in the event of trouble from deserters, and hoping that General Pao's troops would be peacefully replaced when the Southerners arrive.

Peking is at present very quiet. Life everywhere is proceeding as usual. There have been one or two reports of looting by individual soldiers, which was instantly suppressed by the police, who have shot two looters.—Reuter.

Gates Shut.

Peking, Yesterday. A Committee of Public Safety, under Wang Shih-chen, was inaugurated yesterday to take over the police with an additional 1,500 Fengtien soldiers as garrison troops. The Committee this morning ordered the city gates to be closed because many Fengtien deserters are wandering on the north side.—Reuter.

THE RETREAT.

Cutting Manchurians' Line of March.

Shanghai, Yesterday. It is alleged that as a result of intrigues with Yen Hsi-shan and Chiang Kai-shek, General Chi Hsiang-yuan on behalf of the "Chihli Party" has taken over the command of 70,000 Chihli and Shantung (i.e., Northern) troops by bribing Sun Chuan-fang's and Chang Tsung-chang's subordinates, the first outcome being that 20,000 of Sun Chuan-fang's forces at Yangtsun, 18 miles north-west of Tientsin, have blown up the railway bridge, holding up the withdrawal of the 3rd and 4th Fengtien army corps from Chinghsien to Mukden.

General Chang Hsueh-liang, who left Peking with his staff last night, is endeavouring to negotiate a peaceful passage for the 3rd and 4th army corps but the outcome of the negotiations is at present not known.

In the meanwhile the Nationalist army is reported to be advancing and to have cut the Peking-Mukden Railway between Tientsin and Taku, ensuring the cutting off of the Fengtien forces if the latter succeed in passing Yangtsun.—Reuter.

Nationalists Closing In.

Peking, Yesterday. It is reported that after the departure of General Yang Yu-ting and Chang Hsueh-liang from Peking, the railway bridges at Changhsien and Fengtai were blown up. The advance guards of the Shansi (Nationalist) forces from the Western Hills are reported to have reached the Summer Palace, 10 miles from Peking.

Practically all the Fengtien troops on the Peking-Hankow Railway front have now been evacuated by the branch line from Changhsien, through Fengtai to Tientsin.

The ordinary rail traffic between Peking and Tientsin has been suspended. All rolling stock has been commandeered by the evacuating troops.

This has brought up the vexed question of running an international train. It is understood that all the Protocol Powers are in favour of this except the United States.

General Yen Hsi-shan is expected to arrive at Peking to-night. Proclamations with his name as Garrison Commander of Peking and Tientsin, have been posted up in the suburbs.—Reuter.

POWERFUL ARBITER.

Japan's Position in the Chinese Civil War.

London, Yesterday. The strange interlude around Peking reflects the influence of strongly renewed Japanese activity in North China and is felt equally by Northerners and Southerners, declares the "Times." The Japanese in asserting absolute neutrality realise that their intervention for the protection of their nationals in Tsinan may have delayed the Nationalist advance and to counter-balance this they insisted on the orderly retirement of Chang Tso-ha from Peking. Thus the Japanese Government declared itself—

POLICE RESERVE.

LATEST ORDERS BY C. S. P.

SHOOT CANCELLED.

Kong Kong Police Reserve orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:—

Police Training School.

The weekly classes at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held on Wednesday, June 6, at 6 p.m.

Squad Drill.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, June 7. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Squad Drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Dress—Khaki.

Indian Company.

Constables R.247 U. Ismail and R.250 A. Hamid have passed their examination in Part 2 of Training Course (Police Duties and Regulations).

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, June 7. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki.

Sharpshooters' Company.

The regular bi-monthly rifle practice fixed for Sunday, June 10 is cancelled. Revolver practice will be carried out instead, at Kennedy-road range at 10 a.m. Uniform optional. Members are requested to get as much snappy practice in before Sunday, in both rapid and instantaneous fire.

(Sgd.) W. Kent, A.S.P., Adjutant.

Hong Kong, June 5, 1928.

SECRET 'KLONDYKE.'

GOLD FOUND DURING DRAINAGE WORK.

Blackburn's latest claim to fame is a goldfield. A Blackburn resident states that he has found gold and silver on land he owns outside the town. For the present he wishes to remain anonymous, and for obvious reasons declines to disclose the locality where the discovery was made, relates the "Morning Post."

"I have kept it secret for twelve months," he said, "because I wanted to test the ground thoroughly and did not wish to throw a fortune away."

The discovery was made when drainage work was in progress two feet down. I noticed some glittering material in the soil, and on making a closer inspection was convinced that the shining spots of metal were pure gold. I submitted samples to a firm of experts in a Midland city, and their analysis bore out my expectations.

"I estimate the land must contain £20 worth of gold to the ton, and deposits of silver in addition. The gold is in veins, in some cases running in a downward direction, and suggesting that they are alluvial deposits."

"Since my find I have spent days studying statistics on the subject, and my studies have convinced me of the magnitude of my discovery. The deposits are almost in powder form, with a few pieces as large as a pinhead."

WHITE SLAVERY.

ENQUIRY TO BE EXTENDED TO FAR EAST.

FULLER INQUIRIES.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Council of the League of Nations has approved of Sir A. Chamberlain's report on the traffic in women and children and proposing to extend the enquiry to the Far East and to make fuller enquiries in Europe and America, especially in those countries which have abolished licensed houses.—Reuter.

There was a moderate gain in employment in Canada at the beginning of March, according to the monthly statements furnished to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics by 6,222 of the larger employers of labour throughout Canada. The working force of these firms aggregated 846,095 persons, as compared with 842,066 in the preceding month.

ese Government declared itself—involuntarily perhaps, almost by force of circumstances—the most powerful arbiter of the issues of the Chinese civil war. The mere evidence that the Japanese are capable of acting decisively in the protection of their interests has sobered all combatants. Japan for the moment bears very great responsibility, which can only effectively be exercised if it is fully shared on agreed principles by all the Powers directly interested in China.—Reuter.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mussolini, in fact, is an instrument for the rapid realisation of reforms which, when realised, will stand on their own feet. Those who, like myself, have had the privilege of personal contact with him, know that it is in this light that he regards himself—as the servant rather than the master of the State. That is the difference between him and the historical characters with whom he is sometimes compared. As Mr. Barnes phrases it, "Napoleon was the centre of his own universe; God is the centre of Mussolini's. He exults in the belief that the whole of his mortal self is being used up for the cause in which he believes."

Mussolini. Mr. Barnes goes on to sum up the personality of this most picturesque of European political figures in a manner that is both judicial and convincing. He describes Mussolini as:

A man of the people, with that medium-like gift of intuition and interpreting the best sub-conscious ideals of historical Italy dormant in the heart of every true Italian. This, I believe, is the secret of his success. This and his passionate sincerity and disinterestedness. The Italian adores a saint who shows himself to be no fool, either, to boot. Nobody will deny that Mussolini has a remarkably practical head on his shoulders. He has immense powers of work and concentration. His versatility is astonishing. He has the gift of a fine, economical, Michael-Angelesque eloquence, which, together with his experience and personal magnetism, is of the stuff that leads men and even his enemies concede him, nor will anyone deny him an invincible tenacity of will, great courage, a rare capacity for learning from experience, and the power of making strong decisions at the psychological moment, coupled with an acute instinct for judging the psychological moment.

This book deals interestingly with the political developments in Italy which immediately preceded the birth of Fascism. Three very different currents were, according to its author, flowing with increasing strength beneath the surface of Italian life during the first two decades of this century. They were Syndicalism, Nationalism, and a revival of Catholicism. By strangely roundabout courses, all three of these streams of opinion were finally concentrated in the one reservoir of Fascism, where they helped to provide the power which is driving the engines of the Italian nation so successfully to-day.

The abstract question as to whether the rule of the Fascist Party is anti-democratic or not is well argued. Mr. Barnes considers that it turns entirely upon the definition of the word democracy. If that term implies that the will of the people, confused and uninstructed as it necessarily is, should constitute the sole legitimate authority in the country, then democracy is a peril to a modern State. The only thing that can avert that peril is a system of constitutional checks, liberties, and traditions such as exists in England.

The author of this book states his own opinion vividly:

The popularly elected Parliament is subjected in practice to fewer and fewer checks. I should say, therefore, that Great Britain has been for some time sauntering down the path that leads eventually to the abyss, and has now reached a turning where the gradient has become suddenly much steeper. France, on the other hand, has already gained a dangerous momentum further down. Both have meantime lost the companionship of Italy, who has turned round and is laboriously trudging in the opposite direction; and both are beginning to wonder if Italy is not right.

Fascist Aims.

The Imperial aims with which Fascist Italy is frequently credited do not necessarily imply a desire for territorial expansion. Italy's ambition is rather to develop her intrinsic strength to such a degree that the Italian nation will have a strong moral and cultural prestige among the other States of Europe. The Italian nation has in the past repeatedly shown its genius for this form of spiritual conquest. Mr. Barnes believes that the future destiny of that country includes still greater achievements of this kind, though few of his readers will follow him in his belief that Italian Fascists hope ultimately by this means to achieve a free and gradual reunion of Europe under the leadership again of the dual Rome, that of the Pope and that of the Emperor.

This book carries with it a vigorous preface by Signor Mussolini himself, and I strongly recommend it to all those who seek to form a well-balanced opinion of one of the most remarkable political

YANG SEN.

STILL ADVANCING ON CHUNGKING.

TO MAKE PEACE?

General Yang Sen of the Upper Yangtze River is still advancing westward, states a British Naval wireless, with the Treaty port of Chungking (1,400 miles up the River) as his objective.

General Liu Hsiang, who has been trying to hold Yang Sen back, may arrive at an agreement with Yang Sen. Fighting may thus be avoided.

SAILOR & COOLIE.

FUTILE ATTEMPT TO ROB "JACK."

GRIM STRUGGLE.

A case in which a public ricksha coolie was normally charged for the theft of \$15 from Leading A. B. William Miller, of the H.M.S. "Tamar," in Temple-street on Monday, was brought before Mr. Schofield at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

Owing to injuries inflicted to the coolie's head, as the result of struggle with the complainant, the coolie was unable to attend court yesterday, being in hospital.

This morning the sailor gave evidence. It appeared that after having a few drinks in the Palace Hotel, complainant went to Temple-street in a ricksha, and when paying his ricksha fare, the coolie snatched a roll of notes from complainant's hand. He ran off and after a chase that lasted some 8 minutes, defendant was caught. In the struggle, the coolie managed to break loose, but was again captured by the sailor.

Defendant denied having stolen the money.

His Worship: Was the coolie that took you to Temple-street? No, Your Worship.

The complainant admitted that he "had had a few drinks," but knew what he was doing.

Asked if he knew the number of the ricksha that travelled on, the sailor answered in the negative.

Defendant said he knew the address of the coolie in question, and gave it as being No. 121 Canton-road.

His Worship stated that it would be necessary to have the ricksha coolie to give evidence to prove the defendant's statements. The case was accordingly remanded till to-morrow, the hearing being fixed for 11.30 a.m.

OFFICIAL TOURS.

DOMINIONS' PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY'S VIEWS.

RUBBER POLICY.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Samuel Wilson, Permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies, was the principal guest at a dinner of the Association of British Malaya. Mr. Lowther Kemp, presiding, paid a tribute to Sir Hugh Clifford. He said it was one of his most difficult problems to keep Malaya free of the microbe of Communism.

Mr. Kemp did not think that the prosperity of Malaya would be permanently marred by the change of the rubber restriction policy. They need not regard it as a disaster, but must take a long view.

Sir Samuel Wilson, referring to Mr. Ormsby Gore's visit to Malaya, said that he himself intended going there as soon as opportunity arose. He compared the rubber industry to a sick man who had been advised to change his treatment.

Sir Samuel thought that before long the patient would be restored to health. Referring to his prospective visit to the West African Colonies this summer to get into personal touch with the officials, he said that two officers of the Colonial Office were now doing tours of duty overseas. He hoped that the Colonial Office would shortly arrange for junior officers to tour overseas in their first seven years. Thus the Department would maintain the touch which is essential to Empire development.—Reuter.

Mr. Williams Dodds, principal of the Newcastle shipbuilding firm of Messrs. Waite and Dodds, who has recently retired, has been presented with the certificate of the Council of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, appointing him a life member.

The Tyne-Tees Company have decided to inaugurate a weekly service between Sunderland and Hamburg.

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"The Universal Aspects of Fascism." By James Strachey Barnes, F.R.G.S. (Williams and Norgate, Ltd., 10s. 6d.)—"Daily Mail."

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Secret Studio."

To-day—World Theatre; "Wanderer of the Wasteland."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Frontiersman."

Lammerts' Auctions.

June 7—At Sales Room, household goods, 2.30 p.m.

June 8—Household goods, 1 and 4, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

Sports.

June 16—American Mixed Doubles (handicap) tennis tournament, Ladies Recreation Club.

Meetings.

To-day—General meeting of Christian Brothers' Alumni Association, St. Joseph's College, 6 p.m.

June 7—Annual meeting of Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, noon.

June 9—Annual meeting, Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., noon.

Miscellaneous.

June 6—First of a series of addresses at Union Church Hall, Kennedy-rd., on the Old Testament, by Mr. J. S. Flacks, at 5.30 p.m.

November 13—Matriculation, Senior and Junior, Local exams. at the Hong Kong University.

UNDOGLY.

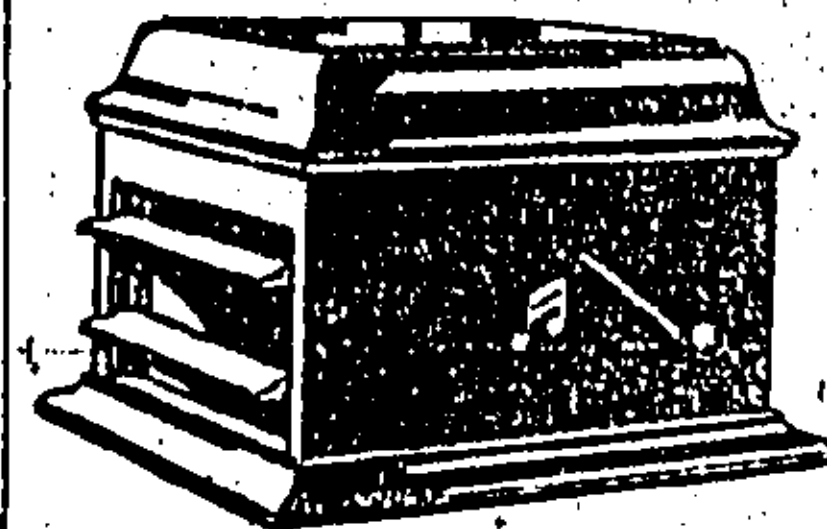
CANINE DIGNITY DISCUSSED.

Generally speaking it is a good thing that we cannot tell what our dogs are talking about, says a writer in the London "Times." We know sufficiently well what they are saying to us. The agitated smile expectant of dinner, the cringing air that tells of somebody else's dinner eaten in a moment of temptation—these need no translator, and, as for what dogs are saying to each other, disillusion would follow quickly on interpretation. The everlasting "shop" of scents, no matter how fragrant, would soon pall. Yet now and again we should like a tallman of understanding, and such an occasion has lately arisen. A play has been produced in which the plot centres round a dog, and not only this dog but a cat also appears in person on the stage. Such an event must be assumed to interrupt for a moment the comparison of dust-hap notes, and will no doubt be touched upon at many a wayside meeting. There are, we should imagine, two main schools of thought—those to whom it appears rather amusing, and those who deem it sippant, undignified, calculated to make a fool of a respectable dog, and in a word, undogly. In the first class would be all the clever flashy little dogs who do not mind what they do for a biscuit; in the second the solid, the faithful, the sporting, the sometimes pathetically stupid who can be laboriously taught to give one paw under protest but never two, since a dog must draw the line somewhere. There are difficulties in this classification, since we have all known and loved dogs who could do tricks and yet possess the obviously doggy virtues. These would be in a quandary as to expressing their opinion. They would probably draw a distinction between humouring your own master in private and a public exhibition of buffoonery. They might even speciously argue that if your own family like you to do for the King or put your nose between your paws, under the name of being shy, it is your bounden duty to please them, and the ensuing biscuit is only in the nature of an honorarium.

Rover's Just Resentment.

The fact that the dog in the play is a Pekinese must add fuel to the fire. All true blue British dogs must be growling in their clubs over beastly foreigners, and regarding the antics of this small alien as suspiciously as Miss Pole regarded the conjuring tricks of Signor Brunori. His very size is surely an offence, like that of a small and ignominious boy in his first term who is suddenly discovered by his fellows to have an accomplishment and to be parading it on the school concert platform. And then, mingled with all this chorus of disapproval, there must be certain jealous wonderings as to what the Pekinese gets for it—visions of lovely plates of meat and bones to chaw whenever he is awaiting his cue. Might not such degradation be worth while if the reward were only sufficient enough? As to the cat, little is probably said. Cats would do anything; and in any case, if the Pekinese were only half a dog he would chase it off the stage instead of allowing it to lap his own lawful milk with impunity. Fortunately these imaginary conversations can be quickly ended. We have but to take up our hat and stick and they will all be forgotten. Our dog will know what his bark means, and we shall know what his bark means, and not nothing else in the whole world will matter.—"The Times."

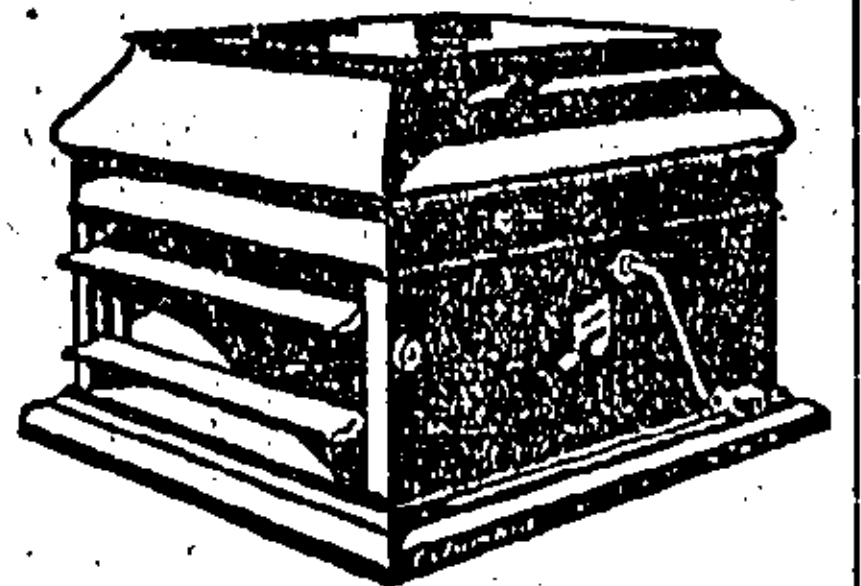
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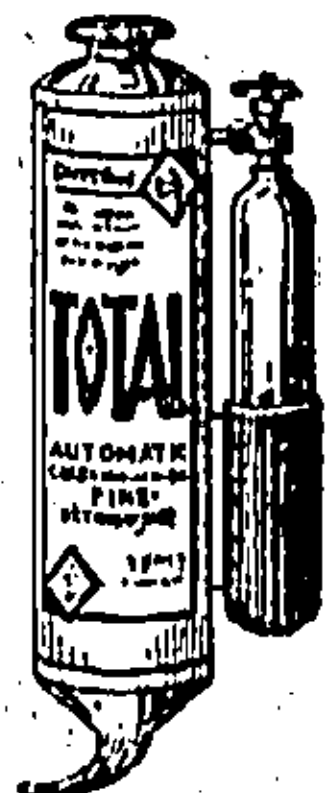
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Jack Martin, 15, employed by a farmer, of Woodham, near Chelmsford, Essex, was killed by an omnibus after being thrown from a cart by the horse shying.

Dr. A. Boyes, the German Minister to Peking, has returned to Berlin, and during his absence, Baron W. Schoen, Counsellor of the Legation, is acting as Charge d'Affaires.

In the L.M.S. Railway ambulance contest finals at St. Pancras the challenge shield was won by Leamington with 391½ marks out of 500, and Stockport was second with 353 points.

One hundred motor-cars were required to convey the mourners to the burial ground at Crumpsall, Manchester, at the funeral of Dr. Salomon, Rabbi at the Great Synagogue, Manchester.

The Council of the Royal Geographical Society has awarded the Gill Memorial to Mr. C. P. Skrine for his exploration of the Qungur area and his work on Chinese Central Asia.

Rachel Gillies, aged 17, until reaching Fleetwood last month from her home in the lonely island of St. Kilda, outer Hebrides, had never seen a taxi cab, a railway train, a horse, a cinema picture, or even a tree.

Prince George visited Glasgow recently and was presented with the freedom of the city. H. M. aircraft-carrier "Eagle" during the recent earthquake supplied 2,000lb. of bread daily to the homeless earthquake sufferers at Corinth.

An order has been placed with a leading Putney boatbuilder for a four for a Japanese crew which will arrive at Henley early in June to train under Dr. Bourne or some other University coach for the forthcoming Olympic Games Regatta.

At Messrs. Sotheby's sale of books and manuscripts, on the top price, \$215, was given by Messrs. Maggs for a collection of broadsides, pamphlets, proclamations, etc., relating to the Dutch East Indies, 1770-1881, bound in four volumes.

There will be seven flights this year from Holland to the Dutch East Indies. The fare will be \$300 for each passenger. In 1929 there will be one flight every month from Holland and back, with aeroplanes carrying mail and passengers.

Dr. A. W. Hill, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, has returned to London. Following his visit to Australia and New Zealand, at the invitation of the respective Governments, he visited Java, the Federated Malay States, Straits Settlements, and Ceylon.

Sir William H. Clark, Comptroller-General of the Department of Overseas Trade, who has been appointed High Commissioner in Canada for his Majesty's Government in Great Britain, was in 1901 selected as Secretary to a Special Mission to Shanghai to negotiate a Commercial Treaty with China.

The Committee of the Law Society constituted under the Solicitors Acts sitting in London, suspended for three years a solicitor named Ernest Douglas Costain Siddall, formerly of State Insurance Buildings, Liverpool, who, it was alleged, had misappropriated \$12.

A memorial service for the Right Rev. Joseph Sakunoshin Motoda, Bishop of Tokyo, who was the first Japanese Bishop in the Anglican Communion, was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Charing Cross, on May 3. The Bishop of Salisbury, Chairman of the Missionary Council, and the Bishop of Hokkaido, took part in the service.

Alderman James Johnston, who died recently at the age of 82, was a prominent figure in the Socialist and Co-operative movement in Manchester, and took a great part in social welfare work. He some time ago returned from a round-the-world tour, visiting Japan and China. He was the son of a collier, and after going to Manchester in 1880 became a civil engineer.

"I have never yet had a single offer to make any contribution on any subject to the Press." The Prime Minister. This remark, made by Mr. Baldwin at a luncheon given by the Institute of Journalists to Viscount Burnham, has led to an embarrassing correspondence. The Prime Minister has since had so many attractive offers by letter and by cable that were he to accept all his pen would be busy for a long time. But Mr. Baldwin has quite enough on hand with his job as Prime Minister, and polite refusals are being made.

In future, says an Admiralty Fleet order, seamen are to have white leather table-cloths in messes instead of the brown linoleum now in use.

M. Traversini, Counsellor of Legation, has been appointed Swiss Minister in Tokyo, where the duties of Minister have been carried on for the past three years by the Charge d'Affaires.

Two traffic summonses were dismissed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday because of the omission of the defendants' names. Mr. A. el Arculli was for the defendants, lorry drivers charged with carrying excessive loads.

According to "La Gazette de Hollande," Mr. J. Th. de Vries has at his request been honourably relieved of the post of Dutch Consul at Canton. The Consulate has been placed in the charge of Mr. G. Woudenberg. Exequaturs have been extended to Mr. Robert Steiner as Austrian Consul at Batavia, for the Dutch East Indies, with the exception of Sumatra, and to Mr. Tautoma Suwa Jorohui, as Japanese Consul at Medan.



Miss Mercedes Gleitz, pretty little London typist swimmer, who successfully swam the Straits of Gibraltar.

Warsaw, June 5.—In reply to the Soviet Note of May 6, the Polish Government has expressed its regret for the incident, and declared that energetic measures would be taken to discover and punish the offenders. The reply adds that steps are being taken to render it impossible for anyone in future to abuse the rights of asylum and disturb Russo-Polish relations.—Reuter.



Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, seen entering the Hospital of the Angels in Brussels, Belgium.

Rome.—Major de Bernardi, holder of the world's air speed record of 318½ m.p.h., has decided to enter the lists as a competitor for the world's land speed record. He is having a special chassis built in which the Fiat engine used to obtain his hydroplane speed record is to be fitted. He believes he can reach a speed of some 220 m.p.h. If everything goes according to his present plans the attempt will be made at Daytona Beach, United States, late this summer. The land speed record of 207.55260 m.p.h. was established at Daytona Beach by the American motorist Mr. Day Keech.

Messrs. W. S. Sherley and Co. were fined \$100 yesterday for a breach of their wine and spirit licence by selling a case of Hall's wine to Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, of the Imports and Exports Office, said that subsequent to the sale Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. had been very doubtful as to their own position in buying the case of wine from Messrs. Sherley & Co. and they consulted the Imports and Exports Office laying the whole of the facts before them. Mr. M. K. Lo, the defendants, said he was glad to withdraw unreservedly the contribution which he had placed on the actions of Messrs. Watson and Co.

Sir Maurice de Bunsen will head the deputation from the Royal Geographical Society to Berlin to join in the centenary celebrations of the sister society in Germany.

A cable has been received in Kuala Lumpur stating that Dr. William Fletcher, formerly of the Medical Research Institute, is going on splendidly after his recent operation.

Mr. J. H. Thomas was received by the Prince of Wales at St. James's Palace and described to him his recent visit to the Gold Coast, where he opened the new harbour at Takoradi.

Mr. G. S. Warren has been appointed Traffic Inspector, F.M.S., Railways, Ipoh, in place of Mr. R. Beasley, who will become Train Controller when this new office is created in Ipoh.

Little Miss Joan Newhouse of No. 177, the Peak, who is three and a half years of age, will be sympathised with in having been bitten by a female Alsatian dog yesterday. She was treated at home. The dog, which belongs to Mrs. Clarke of No. 304, the Peak, is at Kennedy Town, under observation.

How a Chinese woman, 64 years of age, committed suicide by throwing herself over a verandah was related to the Police yesterday. She lived at the 1st floor of No. 151, Belchers-street, West Point and was picked up in the street, at about 1 p.m., with fractures in her ribs. She died shortly after being taken into the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. E. B. Williams, Official Assignee, Public Trustee and Registrar of Companies, will shortly be proceeding to Kelantan as Legal Adviser and Judicial Commissioner, states the "Malay Mail." Mr. H. R. Joynt will undertake the duties for which Mr. Williams is now responsible, in addition to his own work as Collector of Estate Revenue.

The fourth annual Indian Empire garden party takes place at the Rangelah Club, Barnes, on June 27, when rendezvous post No. 7 near the polo ground will be the meeting-place of people from Malaya and Hong Kong. A polo match, India v. The World will be played for the gold and silver challenge shield presented by the Princes of India.

"The Times" correspondent at Riga, telegraphing on April 30, stated that a message from Harbin published in Moscow is to the effect that the Manchuria authorities have granted the anti-Soviet leader Semenov and his adherents a large forest concession in Manchuria. The Soviet Press declares that it is regrettable fresh evidence of Chang Tso-lin's unfriendliness towards the U.S.S.R.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Malcolm Berkeley, of Gapis Estate, Padang Rengas, youngest son of the late Major-General James Cavan Berkeley, C.I.E., and of Mrs. Berkeley, 65 Carlisle Mansions, Victoria Street, London, and Christine Thornton, of the Malay College, Kuala Kangsar, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Thornton, of Oxford.

Another formal remand for one week was granted by Mr. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in the case in which a Chinese and a young Chinese girl are alleged to have handed seditious pamphlets to passers-by in Waterloo-road on May 23. Sergeant Motheram said the pamphlets were yet not translated but would be completed next Monday. The case was adjourned until June 12.

The Diplomatic Corps accredited to Washington presented Miss Matsudaira, daughter of the Japanese Ambassador, with a silver bowl as a wedding gift. Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, made the presentation on April 26, during a tea given in her honour. Miss Matsudaira is the bride-to-be of Prince Chichibu of Japan. She is fond of sports, being a good tennis player, an accomplishment that appeals to the heir-apparent to the Japanese throne.

The Rev. H. Castle, of Tung-ju, in Chekiang, addressing a meeting at Minehead said that in Tung-ju the beggars had a king who wore a tin crown. When a beggar did anything wrong, the magistrate referred the case to the beggar king, who alone had the authority to punish beggar offenders. Beggars had a legal right to beg two days in a month. Like other people, they had their union and once, when something had displeased them, the beggar population of Tung-ju declared a strike, and for a whole day refused to go into the streets to beg.

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Sport Columns

A DRAW.

LOCAL CRICKETERS AT SHANGHAI.

PLAY UNITED SERVICES.

Shanghai, June 2.
Two days proved insufficient to bring about a definite result in the cricket match between the visitors from Hong Kong and a team selected from the United Services in Shanghai, and, although Hong Kong were in danger of defeat at one period of yesterday's play, Quick came to the rescue in his usual dogged style, to make a draw a foregone conclusion. When stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock, Hong Kong were 47 runs on, with three wickets in hand, and the honours of the game therefore rested with the United Services.

Capt. Quin and Major Caldwell continued their overnight partnership shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning and, with conditions most favourable to them, they proceeded to raise the score from 95 to 126 before the last-named was too late in playing at a swinger from Briskine. The departing batsman had shaped quite well after an unconvincing start and just before he left Quin completed his 50. In Commander Caswell, Quin found another good partner and runs came quickly through the determined hitting of both batsmen, particularly Quin, whose faultless innings terminated with the score reading 149 and his own contribution 70. Featured by hard hitting in front of the wicket, Quin's display justly merited the applause that greeted him upon his return to the pavilion, 8 hours being included in an innings that was worth going a long way to see.

Melrose's Heavy Hitting.
Capt. Hinchcliffe left 12 runs later, out to a brilliant catch by Hancock, low down at first slip, and the association of Lieut. Melrose and Caswell again kept the scorers busy. In 45 minutes they added 50 runs, Melrose bringing 190 up with a mighty six off Owen-Hughes, and the same batsman was responsible for the appearance of the second century with another great hit over the tapes in the vicinity of the tent. It would be kinder to refrain from mentioning the errors in the field which largely contributed to the success of the batsmen in possession. Nevertheless, there was the spectacle of free cricket and many delightful pieces of work and, when Caswell eventually left at 211, in an effort to emulate the mighty hit of Melrose's—a stroke that enabled Fincher to bring off a very fine catch—Major Shepperd carried on the good work until Melrose fell to another exceptional catch by Thorp. Shepperd left with the score reading 251 and Johnson was assisted by Moffatt in a partnership that brought the score up to 261, when lunch was taken.

The play afterwards was of an exceptional character, particularly after Johnson had been bowled with the score reading 295, for Moffatt and Freshwater hammered the bowling in all directions. Missed on no fewer than two occasions before he had scored 10, Moffatt afterwards played splendidly, hitting a 6 and 7 fours. Freshwater also battled in approved style to assist in a partnership of 64 runs for the last wicket.

When Hong Kong entered upon their second innings, Hayward and Fincher left with only 10 runs on the board, a meritorious catch behind the wickets getting rid of Hayward, but Quick and Musson enjoyed a partnership that practically saved the day and increased the score to 66. After Musson left, Owen-Hughes helped to add 19 runs and then Quick found a good partner in Capt. Thorp, who hits the ball very hard and very well. Sayer also rendered fine service and Hancock went in a few minutes before 6 o'clock with the situation quite safe. He, however, made several delightful strokes, only to see Quick out in the last over of the afternoon. Quick's innings was a masterpiece of defensive cricket, and one of the features of a match that proved a great attraction.

The full scores follow:
1st Innings—Hong Kong.
A. W. Hayward, c Freshwater, b Melrose 4
Rev. E. K. Quick, c Freshwater, b Melrose 2
H. Owen-Hughes, c Freshwater, b Caswell 0
Lieut. A. H. Musson, b Moffatt 23
Capt. N. A. Thorp, c Shepperd, b Caswell 19
Capt. A. R. Reynolds, c Moffatt, b Caswell 0
S. Jex, c Caswell, b Freshwater, b Caswell 11
Byes—4. Leg-byes—3. No-balls—4.
Total 205

IN MANILA.

FILIPINOS BEAT LOCAL FOOTBALLERS.

EASY VICTORY.

Manila, June 2.
Making the Hong Kong University eleven look like a high school team, the All-Filipinos took yesterday's soccer contest at Wallace field by a score of 3 to 0. The largest crowd of the entire series witnessed the contest.

Emilio Ugarte, playing right outside for the local boys, was the outstanding star of the game. His dribbling of the ball was a marvel and time and again his toe put the ball within scoring reach. Two of the three goals made were scored by this young fellow who is playing his first year of collegiate soccer.

The two Villareal brothers, playing on the left wing of the forward line, were mainstays of the Filipinos. Flashy team work by these two kept the ball in the enemy territory. Heredia, playing with Ugarte on the right wing, scored the other goal made in the game.

Scully and Harrison, playing the back positions for the Chinese squad, tried to prevent the steady onslaught. Braga held down the goal keeper's job and did well at it but he alone could not prevent the continual driving of the local lads.

Fans who witnessed the fray were impartial in their cheering of the good points of the game. However, the many Chinese who witnessed the battle were on edge every time their fellow-countrymen took the pigskin near the goal posts.

Teams:—
Hong Kong:—Lim, Gutierrez, Jap, Tan, Shek, Figueiredo, Cheong, Bee, Scully, Harrison, Braga.
All-Filipinos:—C. Villareal, A. Villareal, Castas, Heredia, E. Ugarte, Guzman, Adad, Tundanga, Altonaga, Stephen, Medel.

BOGEY POOL WINNER.

The R.H.K. Golf Club reports as follows as regards the Fanning Whitson competition:
Owing to a mistake in the cards Mr. G. H. Bell was wrongly returned as the winner of the Bogey Pool whereas this competition was actually won by Major D. W. Beamish with a score of 1 up.

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Major E. H. Fitzherbert, b Quick, b Thorp 14
Capt. S. E. V. Quin, lbw, b Thorp 10
Comdr. A. H. S. Caswell, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Lieut. G. R. Sayer, c Finch, b Thorp 6
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Major J. H. D. Shepperd, b Quick 37
Capt. A. A. Johnson, b Erskine 28
Lieut. Moffatt, c Owen-Hughes, b Musson 32
Sergeant Freshwater, not out 58
Byes—8. Leg-byes—4. No-balls—1.
Total 359

2nd Innings—United Services.
Lieut. E. G. Baylton, b Thorp 23
Major E. H. Fitzherbert, b Quick, b Thorp 14
Capt. S. E. V. Quin, lbw, b Thorp 10
Comdr. A. H. S. Caswell, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Lieut. G. R. Sayer, c Finch, b Thorp 6
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Byes—8. Leg-byes—4. No-balls—1.
Total 359

3rd Innings—United Services.
Lieut. E. G. Baylton, b Thorp 23
Major E. H. Fitzherbert, b Quick, b Thorp 14
Capt. S. E. V. Quin, lbw, b Thorp 10
Comdr. A. H. S. Caswell, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Lieut. G. R. Sayer, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Major J. H. D. Shepperd, b Quick 37
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Sergeant Freshwater, not out 58
Byes—8. Leg-byes—4. No-balls—1.
Total 359

4th Innings—United Services.
Lieut. E. G. Baylton, b Thorp 23
Major E. H. Fitzherbert, b Quick, b Thorp 14
Capt. S. E. V. Quin, lbw, b Thorp 10
Comdr. A. H. S. Caswell, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Lieut. G. R. Sayer, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Major J. H. D. Shepperd, b Quick 37
Capt. A. A. Johnson, b Erskine 28
Lieut. Moffatt, c Owen-Hughes, b Musson 32
Sergeant Freshwater, not out 58
Byes—8. Leg-byes—4. No-balls—1.
Total 359

5th Innings—United Services.
Lieut. E. G. Baylton, b Thorp 23
Major E. H. Fitzherbert, b Quick, b Thorp 14
Capt. S. E. V. Quin, lbw, b Thorp 10
Comdr. A. H. S. Caswell, c Finch, b Thorp 6
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Lieut. Moffatt, c Owen-Hughes, b Musson 32
Sergeant Freshwater, not out 58
Byes—8. Leg-byes—4. No-balls—1.
Total 359

6th Innings—United Services.
Lieut. E. G. Baylton, b Thorp 23
Major E. H. Fitzherbert, b Quick, b Thorp 14
Capt. S. E. V. Quin, lbw, b Thorp 10
Comdr. A. H. S. Caswell, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Lieut. G. R. Sayer, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Major J. H. D. Shepperd, b Quick 37
Capt. A. A. Johnson, b Erskine 28
Lieut. Moffatt, c Owen-Hughes, b Musson 32
Sergeant Freshwater, not out 58
Byes—8. Leg-byes—4. No-balls—1.
Total 359

7th Innings—United Services.
Lieut. E. G. Baylton, b Thorp 23
Major E. H. Fitzherbert, b Quick, b Thorp 14
Capt. S. E. V. Quin, lbw, b Thorp 10
Comdr. A. H. S. Caswell, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Lieut. G. R. Sayer, c Finch, b Thorp 6
Major J. H. D. Shepperd, b Quick 37
Capt. A. A. Johnson, b Erskine 28
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LIFE AND FIGHTS.

LOOKING BACK OVER MANY YEARS.

[By "Iron" Hague.]

Back in the dressing-room, after my defeat by Sam Langford, I had my injured hand dressed, and set by a doctor. I was just about to depart when Langford came in. His head was heavily swathed in bandages. He came across to me, and took hold of my hand, and then said, "Hard luck, Hague. You gave me the greatest fright I ever had in my life. I remembered nothing after receiving that blow in the second round, until the commencement of the third." I showed him my damaged hand, but he didn't seem a bit surprised.

He wished me the best of luck in my future contests, and before departing said, "If it is any consolation to you Hague, I can say you are the only man in the world who has ever put me down." Then he put his hand to his heavily-bandaged face, and said: "But, worse luck, you have left me with a beastly souvenir." By a souvenir he meant, of course, a cauliflower ear. During the remainder of Langford's career, he was never again put down. So I can still claim that honour, if it can be termed as such.

Having put Langford down was no consolation to me. I felt utterly miserable. I was more disappointed for my supporters' sake than my own. They had all been reckoning so much on my fight with Langford.

I didn't stay in London until the morning to draw my cheque, as I had done after the Moir fight, but took the midnight train for Doncaster, thence to Mexbro', and arrived home at 6 a.m.

Mr. Law's Views.
A few days after my fight with Langford, I met my old manager, Mr. Law. The conversation naturally turned to my duel with the darkie.

"It was the greatest mistake you ever made in meeting him," said Mr. Law. "If you had still been under me that fight would never have taken place. If I had my way," continued Mr. Law, "Black and white would never meet in the ring. A white man at a great disadvantage, because a black man is practically impervious to blows on the head. If one cannot hurt them, how can one expect to defeat them?"

"I quite agree with you, Mr. Law," I replied, "but if a white man cannot defeat a black, how can a white man become world's champion, when that title is held by a negro?"

"But if my rule had been carried out," answered Mr. Law. "Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson would never have met for the title, therefore Burns would still have been champion."

After my chat with Mr. Law, I resolved that if ever again I was matched with a black man, I would take a coke hammer with me, and hit him with that. I may say I had no personal enmity against Langford. Considering he was a black, he was one of the nicest men I ever met outside the ring, but inside the ring he was absolutely the worst.

For eight months after my defeat by Langford, I had what is known as a real good time, spending money lavishly. I could not get over the thought of being defeated by a black man, and the only time I seemed to forget it was when with the lads, and partaking freely of liquor. However, you cannot have your cake and eat it as well, and I soon began to realise that my money was getting low.

About this time Mr. Harry Marks, who was manager for Freddie Welsh, contemplated taking his charge on a trip to America. He approached me on the subject, and asked if I would care to accompany them. He told me there were bags of money in America, waiting to be put up for heavy-weight contests. I accepted his offer, and accompanied him and Freddie Welsh back to Cardiff. We packed our traps, and were ready to embark, when at the last moment some hitch occurred, and the whole project fell through. However, I decided to stay on with Mr. Marks, and Welsh and I acted as sparring partners to each other.

Match With Hard-Hitting Irishman.
Mr. Marks matched me to box Paddy Curran, of H.M.S. "Mars," the fight to take place at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium, Plymouth, on February 11, 1910. Curran was a rugged, hard-hitting Irishman, who could take and give punishment.

I made the journey to Plymouth the day before the fight, accompanied by Freddie Welsh, Jim Leonard, Jack Davis and Tom Bridgman. I felt very fit, although my right hand, which I damaged so badly against Langford, was not as sound as I should have liked it to have been. There was a very large attendance, and the Irishman got a much bigger cheer than I did. Of course, this

was only natural, seeing that Plymouth is a seaport, and I understood that the Petty Officer was very popular there.

The first two rounds were very quiet, but I think I claimed the honours of the third. In the fourth round I had Curran down twice, but he was rewarded by making me take three short counts during this session. He certainly surprised me. The Petty Officer had the honour of putting me down more times in one round than all my opponents had done through the whole of my career.

In the fifth round I had Curran at my mercy, but as in the Langford fight, I failed to take full advantage of it. From the sixth to the eleventh, the rounds were very even. Perhaps Curran held a slight advantage on points, although I was waiting my opportunity to get "dirty dick" to work.

Curran managed to dodge a vicious right swing of mine in the twelfth round, which would have meant the finish. My timing was very bad, I missed several opportunities applying the close in the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds. The fifteenth round was the last, but it was not my humble servant who handed out the medicine, but the Petty Officer, who knocked me out with a terrible right to the jaw.

I had certainly come back a lot since my fight with Langford. My right hand punch seemed to lack the old sting, my timing was miserable, and my boxing generally poor. However, I was to have a further "try out" the following Monday, at Sheffield, where I was to meet the hard-hitting "Jewey" Smith.

My Manager Satisfied.
My new manager, Mr. Marks, was quite satisfied with my display against Curran. "What else could you expect," he said to me after the fight. "You haven't had the gloves on in serious combat for nine months, and during that period you have been having a good time generally."

So if Mr. Marks was satisfied, that was a little consolation, although I might say I wasn't. It was Mr. Marks' intention to get me contests as fast as ever he could fix them up, and if possible get me back to championship class.

Although defeated by Curran, I was still the champion of England. In my days it was a rule of the National Sporting Club (which, of course, is the ruling body of this country) that if a champion was defeated away from the Club, even if at the hands of an Englishman, the title was not at stake, although the Club had the power of withdrawing a championship from a holder if they thought (through defeats in the provinces) he was not a worthy person to hold same. To my knowledge, this latter clause was never carried out. The usual course was for the Club to match the defeated champion with a likely candidate, possibly the man who had defeated him in the province, the winner to hold the championship. I think these rules are altered now, as during the last few years championships have been fought for away from headquarters.

Returning to Cardiff, after my defeat by Curran, I did a few days hard training in preparation for my fight with "Jewey" Smith, which was to take place at the City Boxing Club, Sheffield, the following Monday.

A Formidable Opponent.
I have often wondered why they nicknamed this Smith "Jewey." He looked anything but a member of the race to which his nickname applies. He was a fine set-up fellow, with a big crop of red hair, square jaw, bushy eyebrows, and a pair of very keen eyes. He appeared to have no neck at all, the sides of his face seemed to slope downwards and connect themselves with his shoulders. His muscles stood out like those of the "village smith."

Yet I thought he seemed over-trained, too much tightened up. I was about three inches taller than my opponent, and much heavier.

Smith turned out to be a very difficult person to get at, he dodged, side-stepped, and ran round the ring with me in hot pursuit after him. However, in the third round I got home with my famous right, and knocked the "Jewey" man clean out of the ring; he managed to scramble back in time to save the count.

After that Smith commenced to box, in which he was fairly successful, although his blows lacked sting. I kept on getting home with heavy lefts to the body, and an occasional right-hand smasher to the head. But Smith refused to go down.

The contest went the full twenty rounds, and Smith received the decision. The referee no doubt gave points for every blow that got home. If that was the case, then Smith had won. If Jewey's blows were only light, some were hardly felt at all. Whereas when I got home, he did so with smashing blows, which told the tale.

Smith was tattooed all over the body, and his face was puffed and swollen. But I was practically in the same condition after the fight as I was when I entered the ring. However, that is all in the game.

This was the first time in my career in which a contest that I had partaken in had gone the full twenty rounds, and previous to my fight with Langford I was undefeated. Therefore it was evident how much I relied on my right hand punch. This organ had never been the same since it came in contact with the cast iron head of Sammy Langford.

My next opponent was Sunshine. It will be remembered I had previously defeated him in four rounds, at the National Sporting Club. The soldier had by now risen in the ranks, from Corporal to Sergeant. The fight took place at Liverpool, on May 26, 1910.

As we sat in our corners, "Cyclone" Warren, a big hefty black fellow, stepped into the ring, and challenged the winner. I offered to fight him win, lose, or draw, the following evening, but the nigger wasn't having that. I really meant it. I think I could have defeated him without a coke hammer. He looked too clumsy, and awkward to be any good with the gloves, although he possessed a fairly decent record.

LATE PETER GILLESPIE.

The late P. Gardiner Gillespie, who died the other day from injuries received at Bonnybridge, was a forward in H. T. O. Leggett's team, the first Watsonian fifteen to win the Scottish club championship. He was contemporary with W. B. Cowrie, T. S. Paterson, A. W. Cameron, H. B. Wright, H. O. Smith, R. Muir, Robin Welsh, and A. Balfour, and no doubt played in the historic match at Newport, which was regarded as a test between the then new four three-quarter system and the old Scottish forward game.

With a galaxy of scoring backs, Newport, led by A. J. "Monkey" Gould, had swept the boards in England and Wales. The Watsonian backs were no great scorers, but were all sound and safe men. Each side crossed the others' line once. But whereas the Newport try was converted, "Tommy" Paterson missed from a place straight in front of goal. It was, however, a "moral victory" for the Scottish team, and, though it might be going too far to contend that its result should have checked the advance of the new thing in the shape of play, there is little doubt that therefore progress behind the scrum proceeded in almost direct ratio to retrogression in the forward game.

For a number of seasons after retiring from active participation in the game, Gillespie, familiarly known to contemporary Watsonians as Peter, acted as secretary to the football section of the club. I knew him tolerably well, and feel confident that this small tribute will have a wider and deeper response from all Watsonians of his time.—Old Sport in "Sports Despatch."

100,000-WORD SPEECH.

MR. MACMILLAN, K.C.

"My voice tires. I once spoke for five days in a case in Scotland and my voice never failed me," said Mr. H. P. Macmillan, K.C., to a "Daily Mail" reporter recently.

This was after he had concluded a two-days speech in the Grand Committee Room, Westminster Hall, on behalf of the promoters of the L.M.S. Railway (Road Transport) Bill, which is a "test case" in regard to the extended powers the railway companies seek to engage in road transport.

Millions of pounds are at stake in this inquiry, and it has been estimated that the many distinguished counsel engaged are earning between them £10 a minute.

Mr. Macmillan, wiry and sharp featured, with a dry humour and a disarming smile, has the reputation among the official shorthand writers of being the fastest speaker at the Bar. For four hours with one interval for luncheon, a torrent of words poured from his lips, sometimes at nearly 200 words a minute. In the two days he has spoken nearly 100,000 words.

He rarely paused. When he read a passage from a document he accelerated amazingly, and it seemed that he must be beating all records. But every word was clearly heard and the speech was a brilliant and impressive performance.

"He has nearly killed several shorthand writers," said an admiring friend.

A Spanish traveller was thrown upon the rocks at Jazquibel, near Pasaia, and sank within a few minutes. Seven of her crew of ten were drowned and four bodies have been washed ashore.

F.M.S. HOUSES.

COMMENT ON INADEQUATE DOMESTIC QUARTERS.

IN KUALA LUMPUR.

There is a spate of housebuilding in Kuala Lumpur, says the "Malay Mail." New houses are to be seen in many districts. There are rows of shophouses going up in Batu-rd., the Loke Yew estate is building houses in the racecourse area, houses are being built on Maxwell Hill, the Government has opened up building land near the Agricultural Department and at the back of Petaling ridge, and Mr. Charles Bradburne's new house on the site chosen by the late Sir Lionel Woodward is probably the first of many to overlook that part of the golf course, though the relief course has for some time had a group of houses facing on to it. Although however, these houses are built of solid materials likely to withstand the ravages of time, weather, and insects from fifty years to a century, the designers have not shown themselves alive to future possibilities. This was of little importance in the days of the wooden house whose hope of life was not more than fifteen to twenty years. An architect could then say to himself: "It is suitable now, let them build to suit conditions later on." But the present day house costs a great deal more and lasts many years longer and should be adapted to changing conditions.

Over-Crowding.
The greatest defect of the present house is undoubtedly in the servants' quarters. The rooms allotted to the ayah and gardener, who are nearly always married and in many cases have families, are ridiculously small but they at least are not close to the house. It is otherwise with the house-servants. More and more Chinese women are coming to Malaya and they are to be encouraged since the married Chinese servant with wife and family in Malaya is generally a steady and reliable individual, anxious to educate his children well and quite unwilling to spend time and money on Communism, alcohol or opium. The present arrangement of domestic quarters makes it almost impossible for a Chinese boy or cook to have his wife and family with him. They are small and too close to the house to make it feasible to have several children in them. A better arrangement would be to have a kitchen in the house itself. With the modern electric, oil or closed wood stoves this need not make the house hot. The kitchen could be locked up at night with the rest of the house, while the servants' quarters, built in one block with the garage, and able with the help of an upper floor to accommodate wives and families, could have a common kitchen with the usual open fireplace.

THE SERVANTS WE DESERVE.

It seems to be agreed that the present class of servants with his Communist tendencies is unsatisfactory, but, while we grumble, we do little to encourage a better type to come here. In present conditions a married man has no choice but to separate from his wife and board her out with acquaintances or crowd into a tiny room in conditions which his employers have no right to encourage. A nation is said to get the Government it deserves and the same will be true of European employers here, who will get the servants they deserve, i.e., bad ones, unless they take steps to see that they live under good conditions. When Chinese women were very scarce, the present accommodation was sufficient. It is becoming increasingly inadequate nowadays and all new houses should be built with an eye to future needs.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris 124.20
New York 4.83 5/32
Brussels 34.3
Geneva 25.83
Amsterdam 12.09 1/2
Milan 92.70
Berlin 20.42
Stockholm 18.19
Copenhagen 18.18 1/2
Oslo 18.22
Vienna 94.70 1/2
Prague 164.94
Helsingfors 104
Madrid 20.25
Athens 37.5
Bucharest 78.2
Rio 5.59 3/4
Buenos Aires 47.25 3/8
Bombay 1/6 31/32
Shanghai 2/8
Hong Kong 2/0
Yokohama 1/11 1/16
Silver Spot 27.7
Silver Forward 27.7 1/16

HONG KONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:
Victoria Peak 5,542 feet
Signal Station 1,774 feet
Mt. Parker 1,774 feet
Mountain Lodge 1,725 feet
The Eyrie 1,705 feet
Peak Hotel 1,825 feet
Talkoo Sanatorium 1,000 feet
Mt. Davis 1,277 feet
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Taimooshan 1,124 feet
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On demand 135
On demand 135
Wire 135
On demand 135
On demand 87 1/2
On demand 99 1/4
On demand 74 1/2
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MARY WEBB.

AUTHORESS THE PRIME
MINISTER PRAISED.
DRAMA OF HER LAST BOOK.

The novel by Mary Webb praised by the Prime Minister in a speech recently was "Precious Bane," a "Daily Mail" reporter was told at Downing-street. Mr. Baldwin said at the Royal Literary Fund dinner at the Mansion House that he had read a book of first-class quality by a woman named Mary Webb. Both Mr. John Buchan and Sir James Barrie told him that Miss Webb was one of the best writers of English to-day, but that no one bought her books. When she died about three months ago no notice appeared in the Press. "Precious Bane," published in 1924, was awarded the Femina Vie Heureuse Prize for the best English novel of 1924-25. It is a romantic story of "sin-eating" in Shropshire a hundred years ago and contains exquisite love scenes. In the foreword the author says:

Shropshire is a county where the dignity and beauty of ancient things lingers long, and I have been fortunate not only in being brought up in its magical atmosphere, and in having many friends in farm and cottage who, by pleasant talk and reminiscence, have fired the imagination, but also in having the companionship of such a mind as was my father's—a mind stored with old tales and legends that did not come from books.

An official of Jonathan Cape, Ltd., the publishers of "Precious Bane," said that the book had become very popular within the last few months, and was now selling well. He added:

Mrs. Webb was a highly-strung woman and after completing her last book she was so disappointed with it, that she flung the manuscript into the fire and it was destroyed. A literary friend said:

The seclusion in which Mary Webb lived made her for years something of a mystery to her fellow-writers. She lived with her invalid husband, occupying herself with housework and writing when she could snatch time.

ART STUDENTS.

3 ROME SCHOLARSHIPS WON
AT A-KENSINGTON COLLEGE.

Three London art students have gained, each in his special branch, what is considered to be the Blue Riband of the art students' world. The Council of the British School at Rome recently announced the following awards for 1928:

Rome Scholarship in decorative painting: Mr. Alan E. Sorrell, student of the Royal College of Art, South Kensington.

Rome Scholarship in sculpture: Mr. Cecil Brown, student of the Royal College of Art; and

Rome Scholarship in engraving: Mr. Eric S. Jones, student of the Royal College of Art.

Mr. Alan E. Sorrell was educated at Chalkwell Hall School, Westcliff, and at the age of 14 was awarded a junior arts scholarship at South-east School of Arts and Crafts. He completed a course of three years in general art training and was then granted an extension until July, 1928.

In September, 1924, he was admitted to the Royal College of Art by Professor Rothenstein.

Here he completed a course of pictorial design and decorative painting, and became an Associate of the Royal College of Art in 1927.

This scholarship subject was a design for a library.

"After being two years in Rome I intend to go in for decorative painting as a career," he said to an "Evening Standard" representative.

Mr. Brown is twenty-two. He entered the Wolverhampton Municipal Art School in 1920. Mr. Jones, who is twenty-four, was formerly a student of the Goldsmiths' College and the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts.

DURER'S PICTURE.

MONASTERY'S SALE OFFER
FOR £250,000.
GREAT WORK OF ART.

Berlin.—A report has been received from Prague that Albrecht Durer's famous picture, "The Feast of Rose Garlands," has been saved to Europe by its purchase for the Kaiser Friedrich Museum at the price of 3,500,000 marks (£175,000). Unfortunately this is untrue.

The picture would have been more appropriately housed in Berlin than in New York, which now seems to be its fated destination. But Professor Bode, head of the gallery mentioned, states regretfully that, much as he would like to secure the work, so enormous a sum is absolutely beyond the resources either already at his disposal or within his reach.

Moreover, the price asked—for he has been approached as a possible purchaser—was not 3,500,000 but 5,000,000 marks (£250,000). The picture, which (as stated in "The Daily Telegraph") is now the property of the Strahow Monastery in Czechoslovakia, has had an interesting history. It was painted in 1505, the artist working at it for five months, and was originally intended for Saint Bartholomew's Church, Venice. While there it was bought by the Emperor Rudolf II, who had it removed to Prague. It is of considerable size, measuring 4 ft. 1 in. by 4 ft. 4 in. The Emperor's precaution against damage in transport in having it carried all the way by four men was justified by its next journey, which, in 1681, took it to Vienna. There it arrived in so dilapidated a condition that it was entered in the archives as "completely ruined."

In 1793 it was bought by the Strahow Monastery for twenty-two ducats (about £8 to £10), and was handed over for restoration to a Prague artist, who replaced Durer's Madonna by a portrait of his own daughter. The original character of the masterpiece is, however, known from the replicas at present respectively in the Court Museum at Vienna and in America.

From the Prague telegrams it would appear that the Czech State Curator of Monuments contemplated receiving from the Kaiser Friedrich Museum as part payment for the Durer a picture known as the "Glatz Madonna," painted by a Bohemian artist about the middle of the fourteenth century. It is also said that Strahow has undertaken from the proceeds of the sale to present a Gothic window to Prague Cathedral, which is undergoing thorough restoration.

Whatever may be its ultimate fate, this great picture will shortly be shown to the public at the Durer Anniversary Exhibition at Nuremberg, which, it is said, will bring together the finest collection of the famous master's work ever assembled at one spot.

According to a report from Prague, an offer of £200,000 had been made by a German-American group for the Durer picture.



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LONDON'S BIGGEST.

THE NEW EARL'S COURT
BUILDING.
EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

The Underground Company have decided to revive the spacious grounds of Earl's Court as an exhibition centre, and with this object to erect some of the largest and finest exhibition buildings in the world. Lord Ashfield, chairman of the company, issued the following statement on the subject:

"The Underground Company are interested in the Earl's Court grounds, and are considering the erection of a large building on this property suitable for use for exhibitions, fairs, and other functions of this nature. Plans of a proposed building are not yet completed, but it is intended that it will be the largest of its kind in London."

The accessibility of Earl's Court, which is served by both the Metropolitan District and London Electric Railways providing easy connection with all parts of London, makes it particularly suitable for the location of a building of this nature which will be available for the numerous exhibitions and fairs which are held in London throughout the year. The building will probably be completed within the next two years."

Wembley Experience. Although fuller details are not available at the moment, the general idea is to revive a once-famous exhibition centre, which, in the opinion of many traffic experts and exhibition organisers, has no rival in or about London. This view was strongly upheld by certain advisers when it was decided to hold the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. The experience gained in authoritative quarters as to the desirability of organising big exhibitions in a more accessible situation for the benefit of the great body of Londoners and visitors to London from the provinces and Dominions abroad.

Although no details have yet been settled, it is probable that the next great Empire exhibition will be held at Earl's Court, which has an area of over twenty acres for building purposes. It may be recalled that Buffalo Bill (Colonel W. F. Cody) brought his Wild West show to London in 1887, and opened at Earl's Court. It was the first of a long series of shows and exhibitions held on that site up to the Imperial Services Exhibition in 1913 and "Shakespeare's England" in 1914.

When the full details of the new exhibition grounds are settled it will also be found that Lord Ashfield and his co-directors have evolved a plan adequate to the traffic demands which it may be expected the new exhibition grounds are likely to create.

SEX CHANGING.

MR. JUSTICE ROWLATT
ENVIES THE OYSTER.

Three oysters caught at Falmouth were on view in Mr. Justice Rowlatt's court in the King's Bench Division recently during the hearing of an action between oyster merchants of Whitstable and Falmouth arising over a dispute concerning the sale and resale of more than 9,000,000 oysters from Cornwall to a Whitstable company.

The oysters were green and were said to be unmarketable. Mr. Justice Rowlatt examined them closely and declared that at least one was male and fat.

"I see by one of the books that has been handed me that oysters have kidneys," he added.

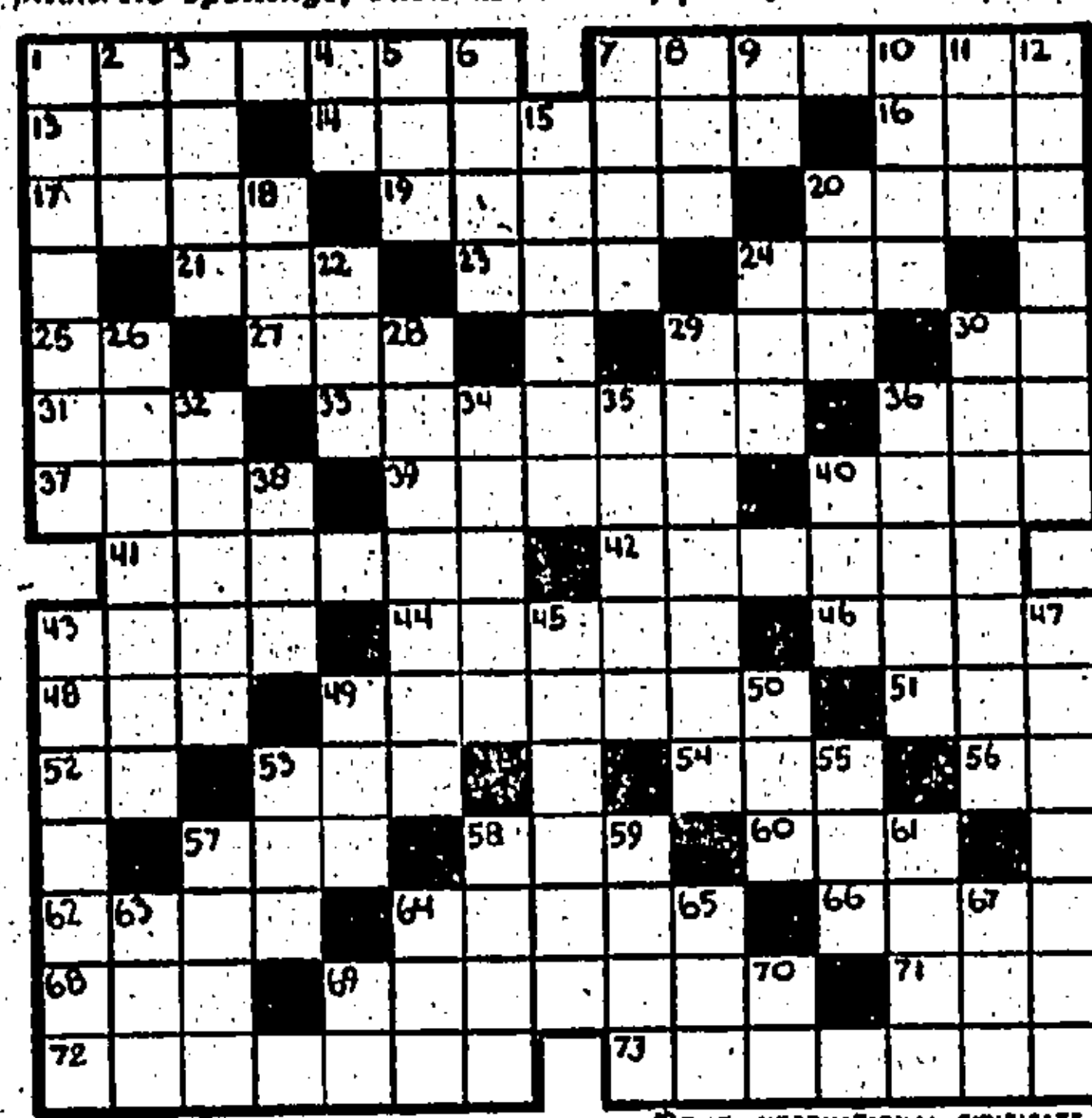
Mr. Schiller, K.C.: Oh, yes, the oyster is a highly organised fish and can change its sex at will.

"I wish we could do it in these days," remarked Mr. Justice Rowlatt. "But when you say they change their sex at will, I don't know. Have you ever discussed it with oysters?" (Laughter.)

Mr. Schiller: No, my lord. My discussions with oysters have always been very one-sided. (Laughter.)

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Cajole
- 7-Girls
- 12-Ignited
- 14-Speechmakers
- 16-Be ill
- 17-On
- 19-Wear away
- 20-To discover
- 21-Blemish
- 22-Sheep
- 24-Dried grass
- 25-Musical note
- 27-Pan shell
- 29-Decay
- 30-On
- 31-Printer's measure
- 33-Hairy
- 35-Motor fuel
- 37-Year
- 39-Melt together
- 40-Engage
- 41-Cheer
- 42-Changed course
- 43-Cause
- 44-Meat delicacy
- 46-Aid
- 48-Islet
- 49-City in Georgia
- 51-Sin
- 52-Musical note

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 53-Possessive pronoun
- 54-Rocine
- 55-Musical note
- 57-Offen
- 58-Girl's name
- 60-Angry
- 62-Lave out
- 64-Happening
- 65-Kind of crockery
- 66-Entanglement
- 67-Turned away
- 71-Girl's name
- 72-Ship
- 73-Loud sleepers

VERTICAL

- 1-Unnerve
- 2-Part of the face
- 3-Participle
- 4-Preposition
- 5-Before
- 6-Undone
- 7-Vogue
- 8-Exist
- 9-Existe
- 10-Simple
- 11-After
- 12-Craftiness
- 13-Turture
- 15-Short sleep
- 20-Consumes

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 22-To steal
- 23-Scuttle
- 24-Inability to move
- 25-Imperfections
- 26-Feels anger
- 30-Rooms
- 32-Old spelling of "nour"
- 34-Participle to hearing
- 35-A breed of cattle
- 36-A bird
- 38-A toy
- 40-Time-period
- 42-A fish (pl.)
- 43-Cater
- 47-Little things
- 49-Helps
- 50-Purpose
- 53-Strike
- 55-Tag
- 57-Nip
- 58-Allege
- 59-Emmits
- 61-Head (slang)
- 62-Came together
- 64-Night before
- 65-Half score
- 67-Strife
- 69-Exist
- 70-Accomplish

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

FAINT IN TUNNEL.

TEN PERSONS OVERCOME BY
CAR EXHAUSTS.

THREE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Ten people fainted, 30 were partially overcome, and 3 needed hospital treatment, when the Greenwich side of Blackwall Tunnel under the Thames was filled with exhaust petrol fumes last month following a collision between two motor-cars.

"A score of people came out of the tunnel for water, and they were reeling from the effect of fumes," Mr. J. Conner, a shopkeeper, of Tunnel-road, Rotherhithe, S.E., told a "Daily Mail" reporter. He added:

One car was a boy employed in the tunnel. He had been sent by a fainting omnibus driver. Pedestrians hurried in on behalf of motorists who had been partly overcome.

Nurses from the Greenwich and Deptford Hospitals arrived in an ambulance and attended to the sick on the spot.

An L.C.C. employee in the tunnel said:

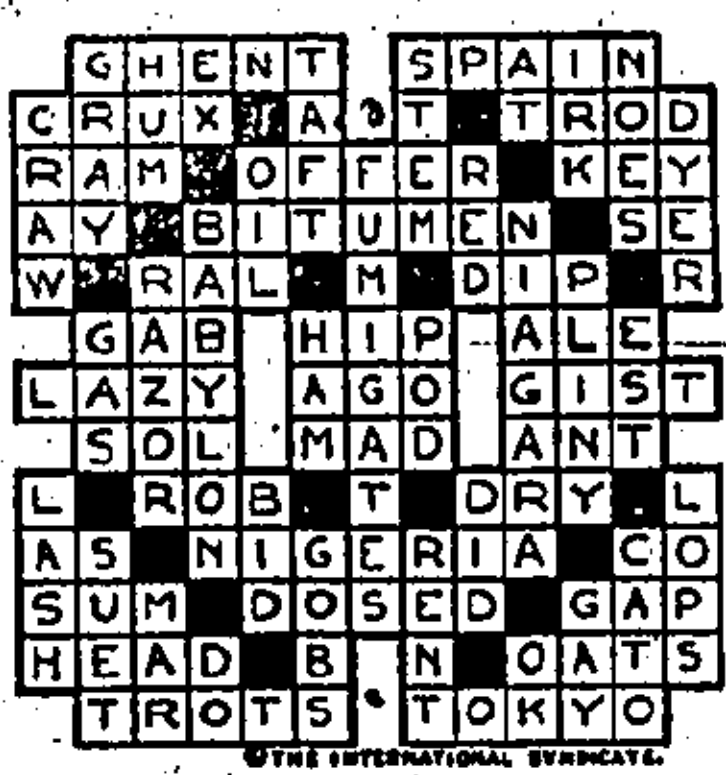
All would have been well if an omnibus driver had not fainted. He said, "I am done," staggered out of his seat, and collapsed on the pavement.

One of the L.C.C. boys who throw sand down rushed to help him.

The driver of the next omnibus felt himself going, and asked the sand boy to run for water. On the way the lad collapsed and was taken to hospital in an ambulance.

His illness caused further delay, and as a result of the engines of the waiting cars pumping exhaust gases into the air more people collapsed.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during June, 1928, standard time for the 120th meridian, East of Greenwich, is as follows:

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
	a.m.	p.m.
6	5.58	7.05
7	5.58	7.06
8	5.58	7.06
9	5.58	7.07
10	5.58	7.07
11	5.58	7.07
12	5.58	7.07
13	5.58	7.08
14	5.58	7.08
15	5.58	7.08
16	5.58	7.09
17	5.58	7.09
18	5.59	7.09
19	5.59	7.09
20	5.59	7.10
21	5.59	7.10
22	5.59	7.10
23	5.60	7.10
24	5.60	7.11
25	5.60	7.11
26	5.60	7.11
27	5.61	7.11
28	5.61	7.11
29	5.61	7.11
30	5.62	7.11

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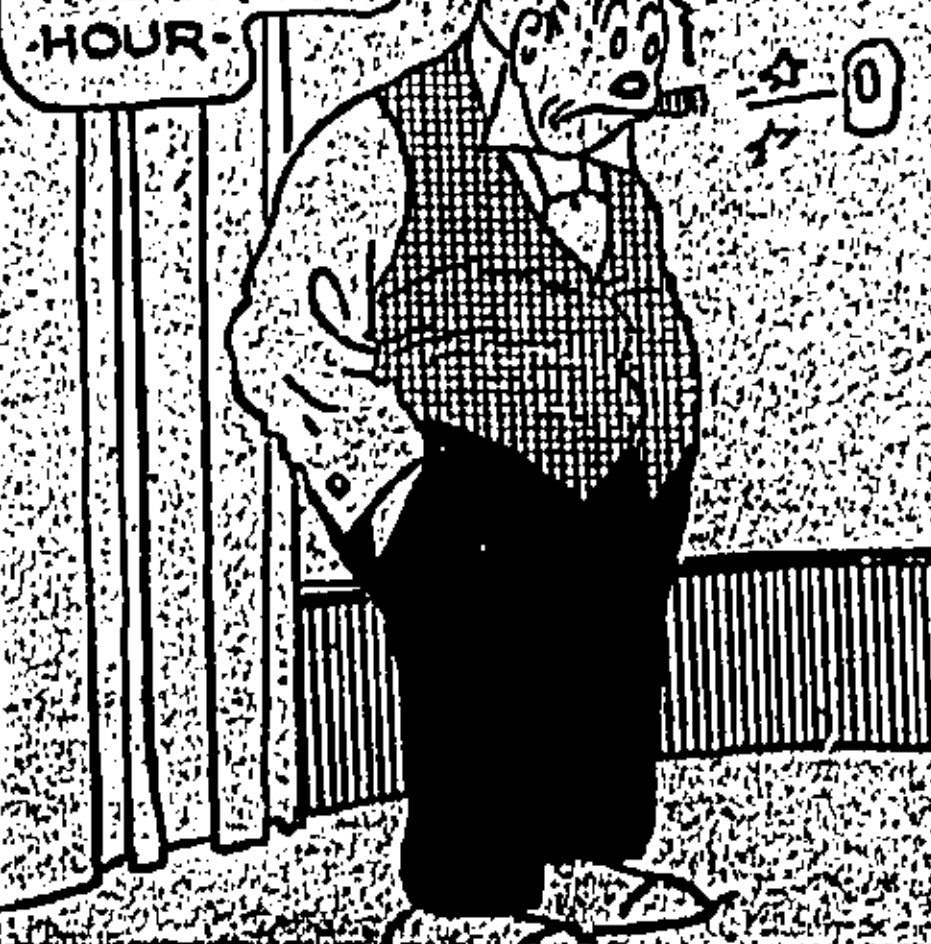
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A notable first novel by Lady Oxford, written when she is more than 60 years of age, is published to-day by Cassells (7s. 6d.). It is called "Octavia," from the name of the heroine, and the scene for the most part is laid in a hunting centre in the English Midlands.

The hunting scenes are memorable—vivid, stirring, and enthusiastic. The book is full of wit and of brilliant description, and the dialogue is closely packed with thought and argument.

There are a large number of characters, sharply drawn and distinguished, though most of them speak the same language.

Octavia, when the story opens, is a girl of 17—emotional, romantic, immensely interested in life, books, people and herself. Her sheltered home is in the Scottish Border country, but through Robin Compton, just twice her age and in love with her in his indolent way, she receives an invitation to the Brazons at Harlington, and the promise of all the hunting she can wish for.

A Loose Horse.

Her host is dull and stolid, his wife a heartless and calculating flirt. But Octavia finds in riding almost perfect happiness, and her first day in the hunting field is the most exhilarating so far of her life. Robin has bought two hunters for her and she is magnificently mounted and well to the fore when hounds head for a notorious brook.

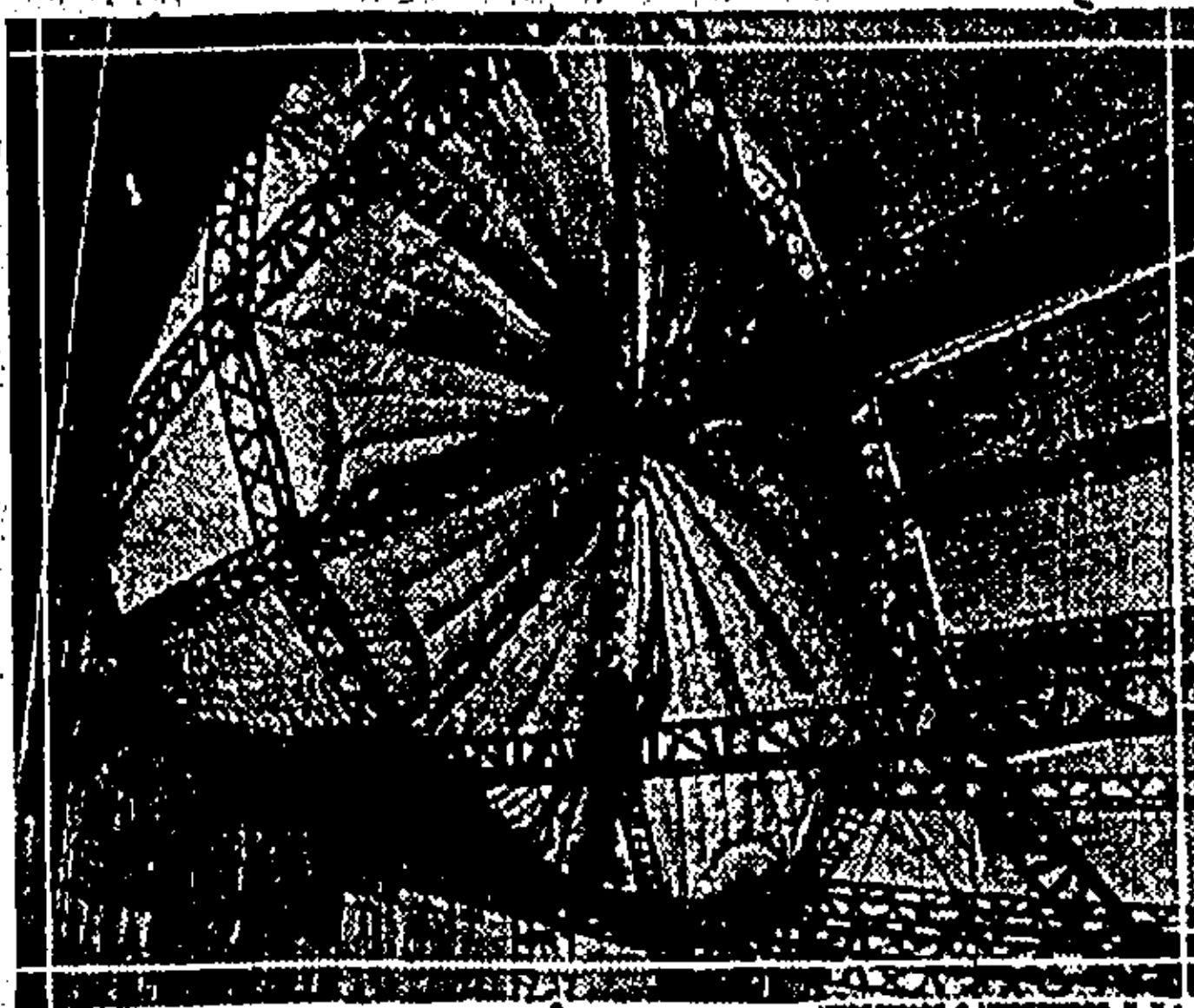
Taking her own line on the top of the ridge and going great guns, she saw what looked like the tops of pollarded willows. As they got nearer she recognised the Rushingford, made even more alarming by a flight of post and rails several yards in front of it.

Not wishing anyone to pass her, she went at them too fast, but Kilmallock collected himself, and she hardly felt him rise before he had landed. She heard a noise of cracking timber and a loose horse careered past her.

She did not look round; and if a corpse had lain at her feet she would not have pulled up. Her eye was arrested and heart fixed by the sight of a row of willows.

Socialism and Music.

She takes the brook with ease, and later in the day clears a high gate into a road, earning the unstinted admiration of a large man who has watched the feat. She is 18 miles from home, her horse is tired, and he persuades her to go to his house close by for tea. Here she meets his nephew, Greville Pelham, a young man whose heart is in music and Socialism, and here she is detained for the night by a dense fog.



Construction of the R-100, the largest lighter than air craft ever designed, is rapidly nearing completion in England, and its first trip to this country, under the direction of Commander C. D. Burney, will be made soon. The ship is finished and work is under way on the interior and the installation of the gas bags and motors. Soon the outer covering will be put in place. The ship will carry 100 passengers and a crew of 40. It will be 709 feet long, and 133 feet wide. The 4 Rolls Royce motors of 700 H. P. each, will furnish a speed of 80 miles an hour. The cruising radius will be between 4,000 and 5,000 miles. The hull will be inflated with hydrogen or helium. Cooking, heating and lighting will be done by electricity. Passengers will be carried across the Atlantic in 48 hours. The R-100 cost \$2,250,000 to build. Photo shows the gas bag being placed in the end of the great air liner.

Some days later when she takes a fall and is laid up, she experiences her first dissatisfaction with the little world which she has entered. A single passion absorbs it.

The hunting world, she reflected, was all right when you were fit and well, but strangely indifferent to those who fell out of its ranks.

Riding all day made you too stupid to talk about anything; too restless to read and too tired to write. All you could hope for was to be able to sleep; and though sleep might allay your temper it could never improve your wits.

Love and Its Effect.

Greville had given no sign that she attracted him—none of the men she knew appealed to her as a husband.

In books she had read of men of temperament, intellect, and character who would have made her supremely happy. Why could she not meet them in real life?

Robin at length proposes to her, and the fox-hunting son of wise and witty Lady Julia Coventry asks through his mother for her hand. The old lady delivers a disquisition on love.

Love has different effects upon different men. It makes some confident, others embarrassed; and few men are at their best when they're in love.

With women it's different. With them love-making is an art which men can never learn, and those who learn it are rotters.

I married a very dull man, but I was always in love with the wrong ones. I can assure you I was not only grateful but happy. Disreputable society is empty and tiring; and pretty women slide into it with astonishing ease. Lively men are often silly, and serious ones are always heavy.

Marriage and Separation. A by-election provides some distraction from emotional fatigue. The campaign is briskly described. She leaves Harlington and in London meets Greville by chance in St. Paul's. At her hotel he declares his love for her, and believing that she returns it she allows him to announce their engagement. But she has doubts. She asks: "Supposing I'm not as serious as you think I am. I may not love you exactly at the same time as you're loving me, and then what would you do?"

They are married, but on the honeymoon Greville falls ill with influenza and insists on her leaving him. Marriage has not changed Octavia: she cannot feel love which has not come to her suddenly, tempestuously, and she and Greville drift apart until the final scene of reconciliation, which is told with great tenderness.

Epigrams.

This most vital and crowded novel will be widely read. Here are some epigrams: A spinster's surprise is never benevolent. I always try to live up to my income even if I have to borrow money to do it. Nothing separates one human being from another more than their inner attitude towards life. People who aren't interested in themselves are as dull as ditch-water. I think the best way of not being disappointed is to expect a great deal of yourself and not too much from other people.

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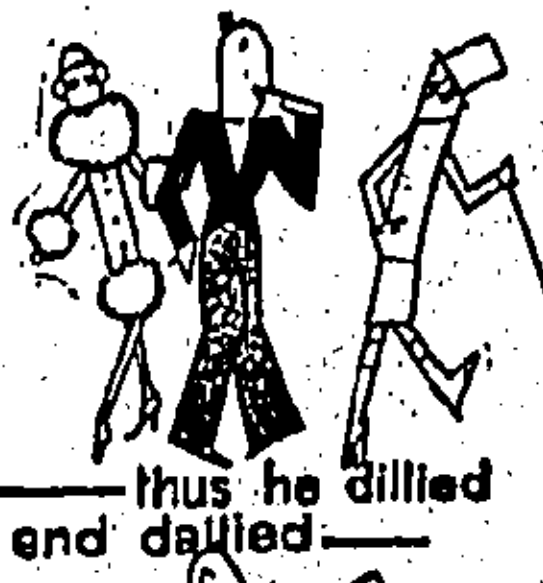
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—coming back to his senses—



—the blandishments of another charmer caused him to desert his old love—



—with this and that—



—he acted with courage and verve—



—he dilled for a while with the new love but—



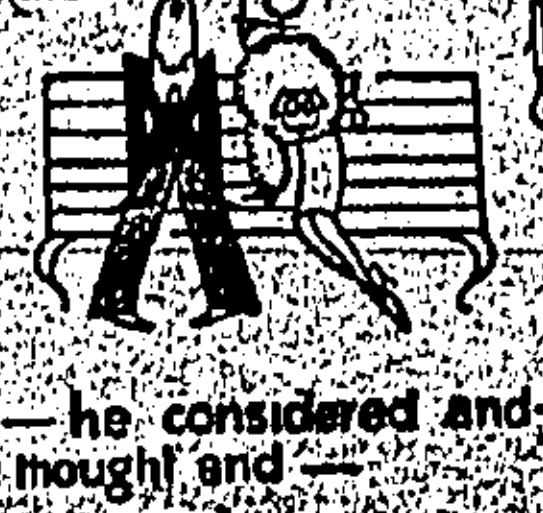
—he wasn't quite sure whether he liked any of them—



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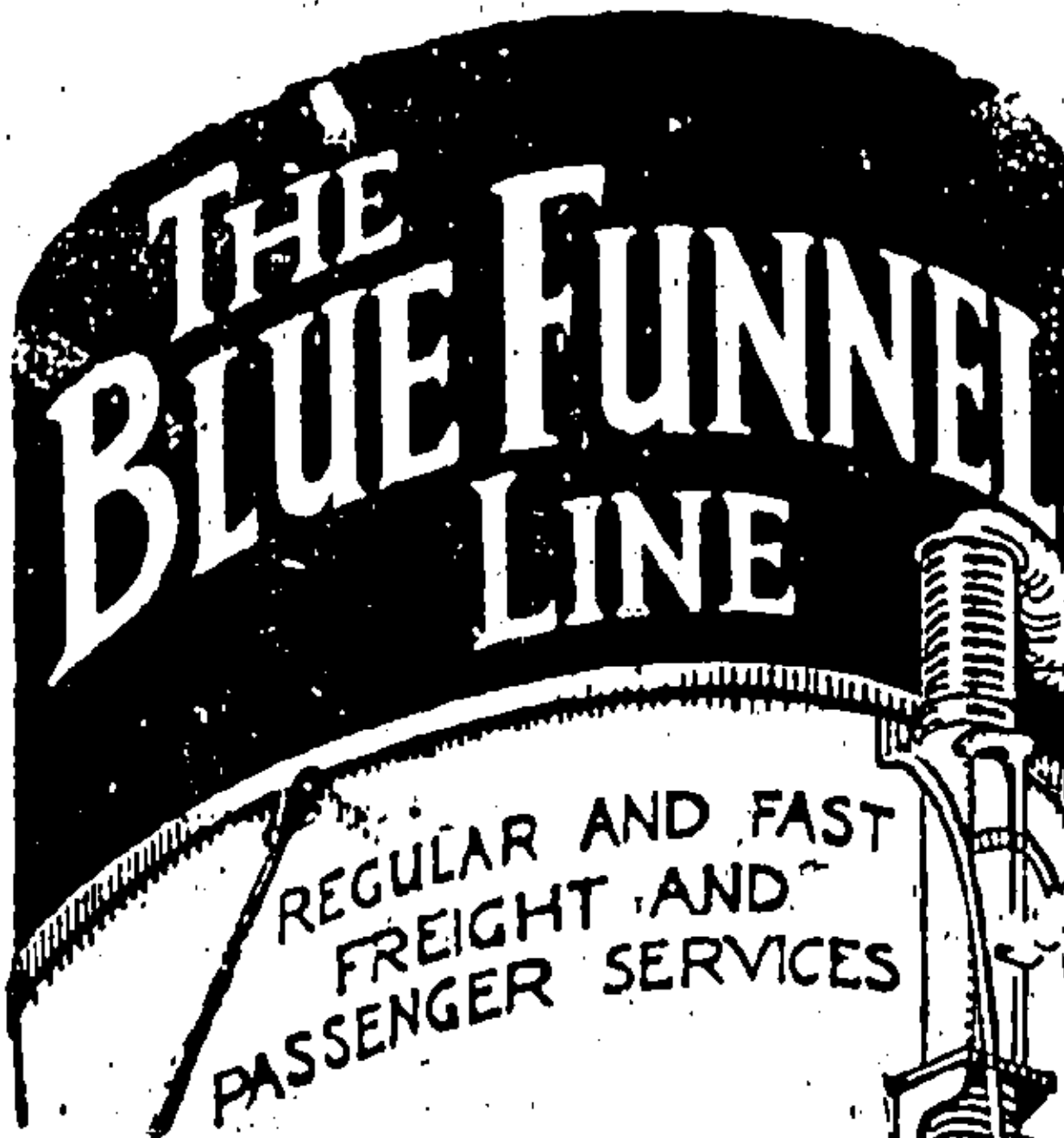
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JAPAN'S SHIPPING.

Dispute Negotiations Fail.

STRIKE DECLARED.

50,000 Seamen And 1,300 Tramp Steamers Affected.

Tokyo, To-day.
50,000 seamen, involving tramp steamers, excluding the N.Y.K., O.S.K. and Kawasaki, have struck owing to the employers' refusal to accept the minimum wage demand.

Eve of the Strike.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A telegram from Kobe states that the negotiations between the seamen and the shipowners have broken up.

The Union has not yet ordered the strike but a partial tie-up is reported from various Japanese ports.

It is unlikely that the Union will order a strike of Japanese shipping aboard.—Reuter.

Seamen Enthusiastic.

Shanghai, To-day.
Reports from home ports show that seamen everywhere enthusiastically endorse the Union's decision to strike and also that captains and officers are rather inclined to support the seamen.

Some seamen who had left their ships gathered at the local union offices but mostly are staying aboard.

There is no sign of violence but work has been suspended or slowed down.

Loading and unloading is impossible, and thus hundreds of ships are at a standstill.

The N.Y.K., the O.S.K., the Mitsui and the Kawasaki are already paying more than the minimum demanded, and therefore are unlikely to be affected. But they are closely watching developments.

Well-informed circles fear the unity of action on the part of shipowners may be disrupted by small owners yielding to the demands of the seamen.

Probably the officials and other leaders will intercede and endeavour to bring about peace as soon as possible.

Further Details.

The strike means a declaration of war upon 170 Japanese shipowners representing nearly 1,000 vessels of a total tonnage of 3,000,000 but approximately half the total tonnage is at present in American, European and Southern waters.

These are believed not to be affected. Therefore the immediate tie-up will be confined to vessels in home waters. Nevertheless, the economic effect of the strike will be keenly felt if continued. Shipments of lumber from northern ports will be seriously hampered and likewise the transportation of coal from the Manchurian Hokkaido, and Kyushu collieries.

The shipment of Manchurian bean cake from Dairen to Japan will also be affected.—Reuter.

"SOUTHERN CROSS."

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FLIERS STONE DEAF.

Suva, Yesterday.
Intense excitement has been felt here over the arrival of the "Southern Cross." The Legislative Council was closed for the occasion.

The machine made a beautiful landing, but the fliers, who were all stone deaf, were obviously in need of sleep.

They appeared very pleased with the flight, but Kingsford Smith declared that he never wished to fly through such weather again.

The machine was flown throughout the night without a hitch, through wind, rain, thunder and lightning. The machine will now refuel prior to continuing the flight to Australia.—Reuter.

BUDGET BILL.

SECOND READING PASSES HOUSE OF COMMONS.

SNOWDEN'S AMENDMENT.

London, Yesterday.
The House of Commons passed the second reading of the Finance Bill, an amendment, moved by Mr. Philip Snowden (Socialist), being defeated by 322 to 185.—Reuter.

SHIPPING DEAL.

U.S. Shipping Board's Latest Sale.

WEST AFRICAN LINE.

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Washington, Yesterday.
The Shipping Board has sold the American West African line of ten vessels of 80,000 tons deadweight to the Barber Steamship Company of New York, for \$2,264,000.—Reuter's American Service.

RUBBER SCHEME.

NOT BEING REGARDED SERIOUSLY IN LONDON.

DUTCH BANKERS' VIEWS.

London, Yesterday.
The rubber valorisation scheme is viewed in London merely as a suggestion and is not yet being seriously considered. The London Rubber Growers' Association has not yet received the proposal.—Reuter.

[A telegram, dated The Hague, June 4, stated: The well-known Hague banker, Herr Kloppenburg, has drawn up a rubber valorisation scheme which has been forwarded to the London Rubber Growers' Association and in the International Association of Rubber Cultivation. In view of the fact that the plan would require the taking of identical legislative measures by the British and Dutch Governments, Herr Kloppenburg first sent copies to the British and Dutch Colonial Ministers for unofficial guidance.]

The Dutch Colonial Authorities advised him to submit the plan to a committee appointed by the International Association of Rubber Cultivation, while the British recommended the submission of the plan officially through the Rubber Growers' Association.

The scheme has now been presented to these bodies with the request that they consult together with regard to measures likely to lead to its practical realisation.]

VILNA DISPUTE.

POLEND AND LITHUANIA AGAIN WRANGLING.

LEAGUE DECISION FLOUTED.

Geneva, June 4.
Lithuania's amended Constitution designating Vilna as the capital of the Republic (notwithstanding the fact that the Poles have upheld Poland's seizure of the town) is described as devoid of juridical value and practicable value in the Polish Note to Lithuania.

A copy of the Polish Note has been sent to the League of Nations Council.

M. Valdemaras, the Premier of Lithuania, granted an interview to Reuter's correspondent to-day and declared that the Polish Note did not affect the situation in the least. The Lithuanian Reply would declare that the 1918 Act of Independence fixed Vilna as the capital.—Reuter.

Sir A. Chamberlain's Views.
Geneva, Yesterday.

In the course of a statement to British pressmen, Sir Austen Chamberlain strongly deprecated Lithuania's action in describing Vilna as the capital. He said that sympathy for small nations was worldwide but that the small state would forfeit it if it presumed thereon and went out of their way to be irritating, unreasonable and uncompromising. Sir Austen hoped that wiser counsels would prevail.—Reuter.

BELGIAN ROYALTY.

LEAVE FOR THE CONGO ON THREE MONTHS TOUR.

RAILWAY INAUGURATION.

Antwerp, Yesterday.
The King and Queen have sailed to the Congo in the liner "Thysville" on a three months' tour.

They are due at Boma on June 21 and will inaugurate, on July 10, at Elisabethville, the railway from the Lower Congo to Katanga.—Reuter.

300 NOT OUT.

Watson of Lancashire Hits Hard.

COUNTY RESULTS.

Middlesex Heavily Defeated By Yorkshire.

Lancashire took first innings points from Surrey.
Surrey 567 (Ducat 119; Sandham 282 retired hurt).

Lancashire 588 for 4 (Watson 300 not out, E. Tyldesley 187).
Kent beat Northamptonshire by 3 wickets.

Northants 334 and 153 (Freeman 5 for 64).
Kent 276 and 212 for 7.

Gloucestershire took first innings points from Leicestershire.
Leicester 291 (Dawson 146), (Hammond 5 for 64), and 204 (Parker 5 for 65).

Gloucester 323 (Dipper 115), (Shipman 5 for 32) and 37 for 0.
Derbyshire took first innings points from Essex.

Essex 323 and 330 for 7.
Derby 552 (Worthington 133).
Yorkshire beat Middlesex by an innings and 88 runs.

Yorks 479 (Holmes 105), Oldroyd 108, Mitchell 105), Durston 7 for 133).
Middlesex 261 and 130 (Rhodes 7 for 39).

Nottinghamshire beat Warwickshire by 10 wickets.
Notts 433 (Whysall 140) and 21 for 0.

Warwick 157 and 296 (Wyatt 112).
Sussex beat Worcestershire by 243 runs.

Sussex 409 (Langridge 126, Arthur Gilligan 144) and 246 for 6 declared.
Worcestershire 264 (Bowley 5 for 68) and 148 (Wensley 8 for 63).

Somersetshire beat Hampshire by an innings and 28.
Hants 254 and 136 (White 6 for 35).
Somerset 418 (Rippon 112).

SOVIET RULE.

FURTHER ARRESTS ON WHOLESALE SCALE.

BRIBES AND ABUSE.

Riga, Yesterday.
150 officials and others connected with the Don District Finance Department, including, M. Oriadov, assistant director, have been arrested on charges of having systematically received bribes, incorrectly recording traders' profits to the serious detriment of Government revenue.

Six Don officials, including the Chairman of the District Administration and the Secretary of the "Young Communists" and the secretary of the District Executive of the Communist Party have been arrested for abusing authority by organising assaults on women.—Reuter.

IT PAYS!

PROOFS OF ADVERTISING WORTH.

Hong Kong business firms might do worse than take a leaf out of the American book, if only because it is a volume which is being published also in other lands—

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To turn to the constructive or positive side—there is a significant hint in a report from Troy, New York, where there was not a single failure among firms that advertise."

Of course, it pays to advertise; but it must be done with brains.

NUMBER SEVEN.

London, May 25.—The "Evening Standard" reports that Peggy Hopkins Joyce contemplates marriage again. The lucky man this time, who will be her seventh husband if all goes well, is "Count" Frederick de Janze, the divorced French husband of Alice Silverthorne, formerly of Chicago.—United Press.

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